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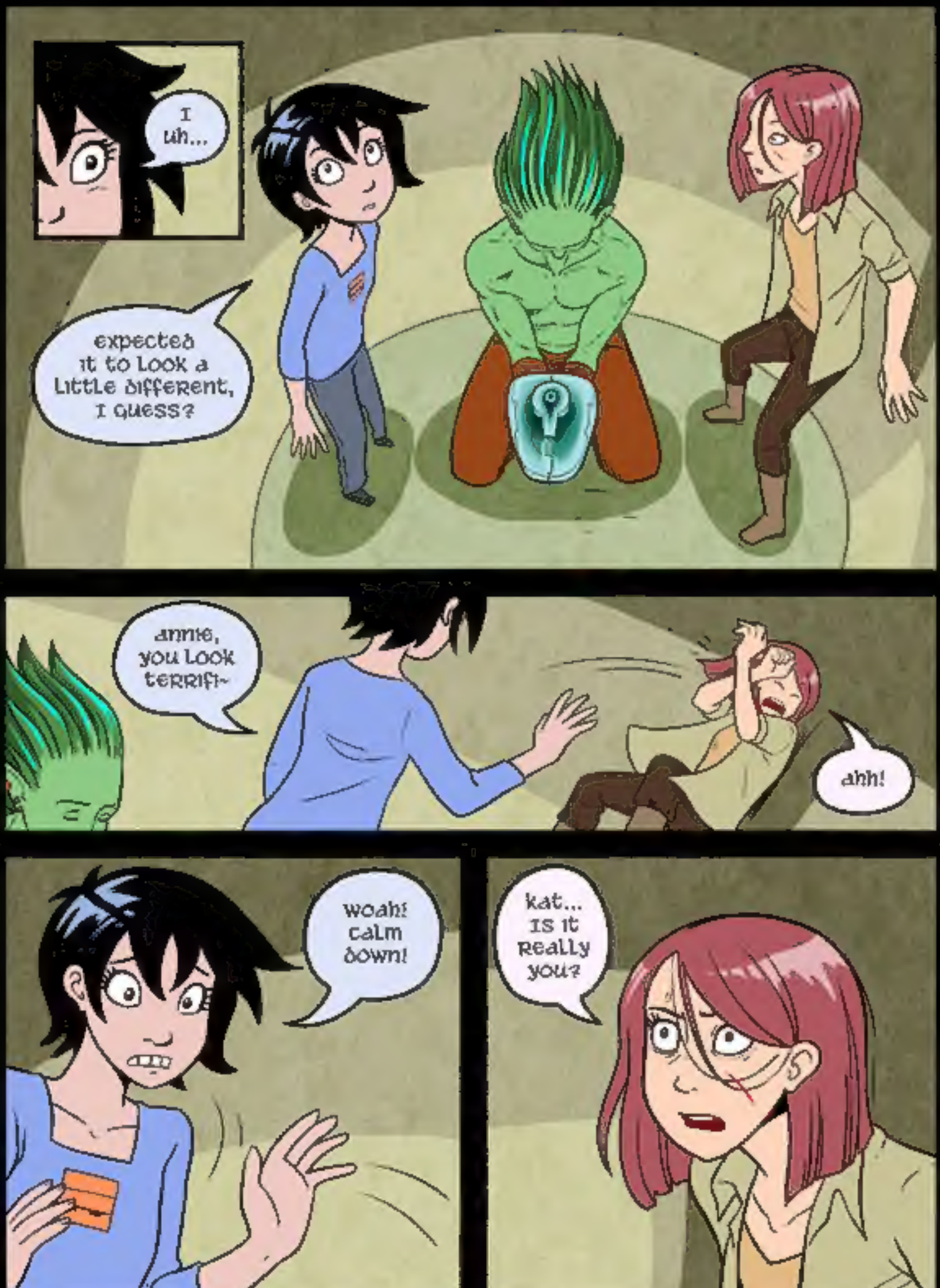
Chapter 60:

The Other Shore

What is that thing?!
Is it part of the device?

annie?
annie?
IS... IS this the ether?
kat?!


I uh...
expected it to look a little different, I guess?
annie, you look terrifi~
ahh!
woah! calm down!
kat... is it really you?

yeah, it's me, it's me!
you might be seeing something different though.
remember in the realm of the dead?
kat, I'm not sure what to do!
I can't make any sense of anything in here!
let me see...
annie... it's just a lock.
you should be able to open this easy!

she's too fast for me!

Bip
CRACK

she struck me from behind?
Bip
CRUNCH

Bip
Bip

wh-what does the key hole look like?
um... like a regular old fashioned one?
not a squiggly one...
a lever lock?
then... an overlifter might work!
no wonder andrew suggested i bring these...
your lock picks?!
Lucky!

Kat, I can't even see a keyhole, so I'm going to try something...
this is only an etheric projection of my real picks but...
can you pick them up?
um, sure.
okay, just tell me what to do.
oh! incredible! I - I can't even describe what I'm seeing!
man, why don't I ever get to see the cool stuff?

so. she has the abil ty to teleport
she showed her hand too early
her fate is sealed.
argh!

and with light pressure, turn the tensioner...
hey! I got it!
Clunk
huh?
he's got something in his hand.
annie?
oh..

Click

okay, what do we do now?
I - I'm not sure. the arrow is shielded, but I don't know what effect it will have on jeanne.
we should get back to the others then
kat.
how did you.
how did you...
Let's talk about it later
BRRAP

BRRR
Oh my God Jeanne's going crazy!
Something's wrong

Bip
Bip
jeanne can see where parley's going to teleport!

concentrate.
concentrate, damn you!
these strings keep wrapping around me no matter how many times I cut them.
strings from that boy
she's been placing herself between him and me, herding me away.
but she projects a fore-image just before she changes position...
this will be her undoing.

Bip
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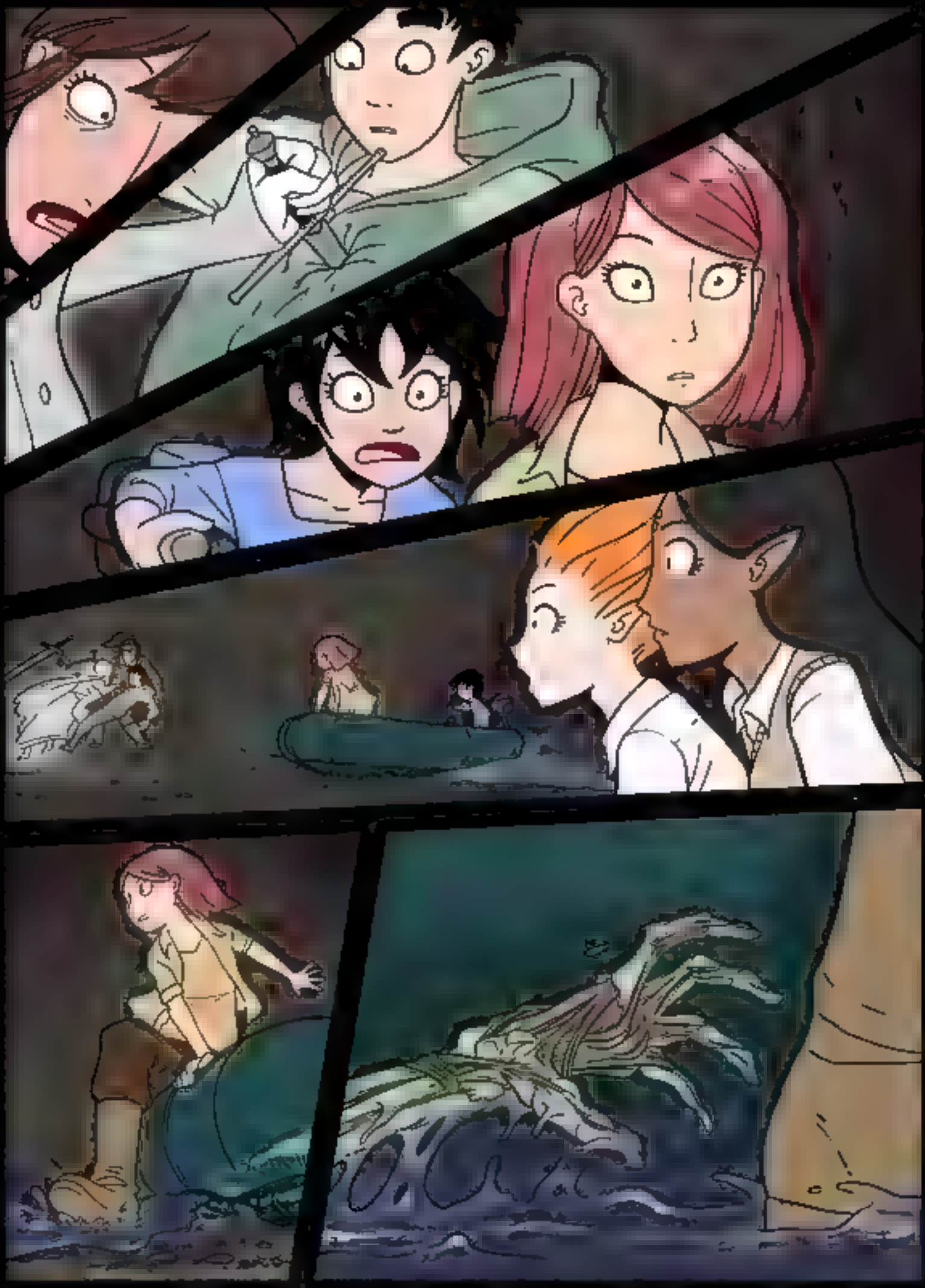
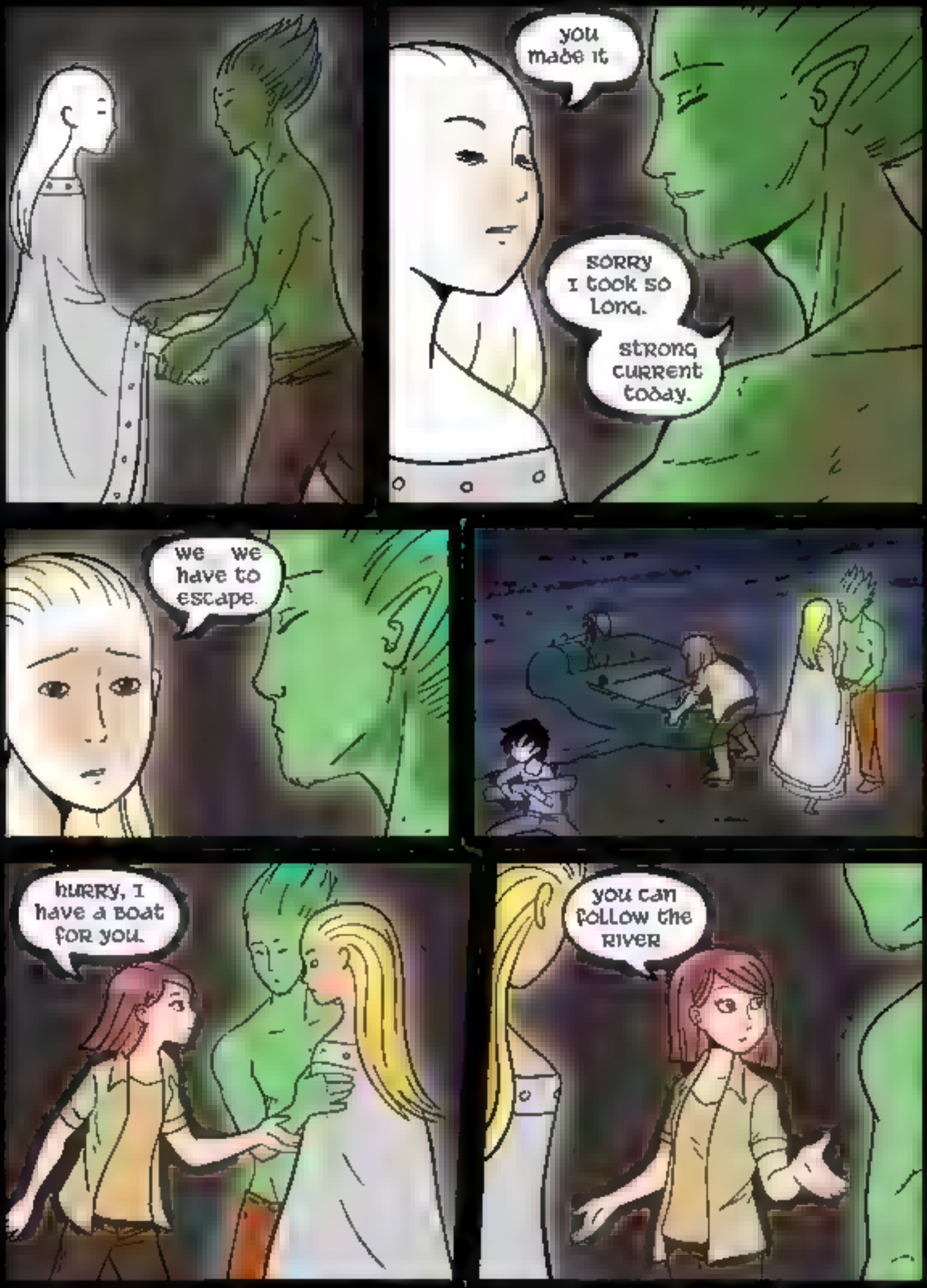
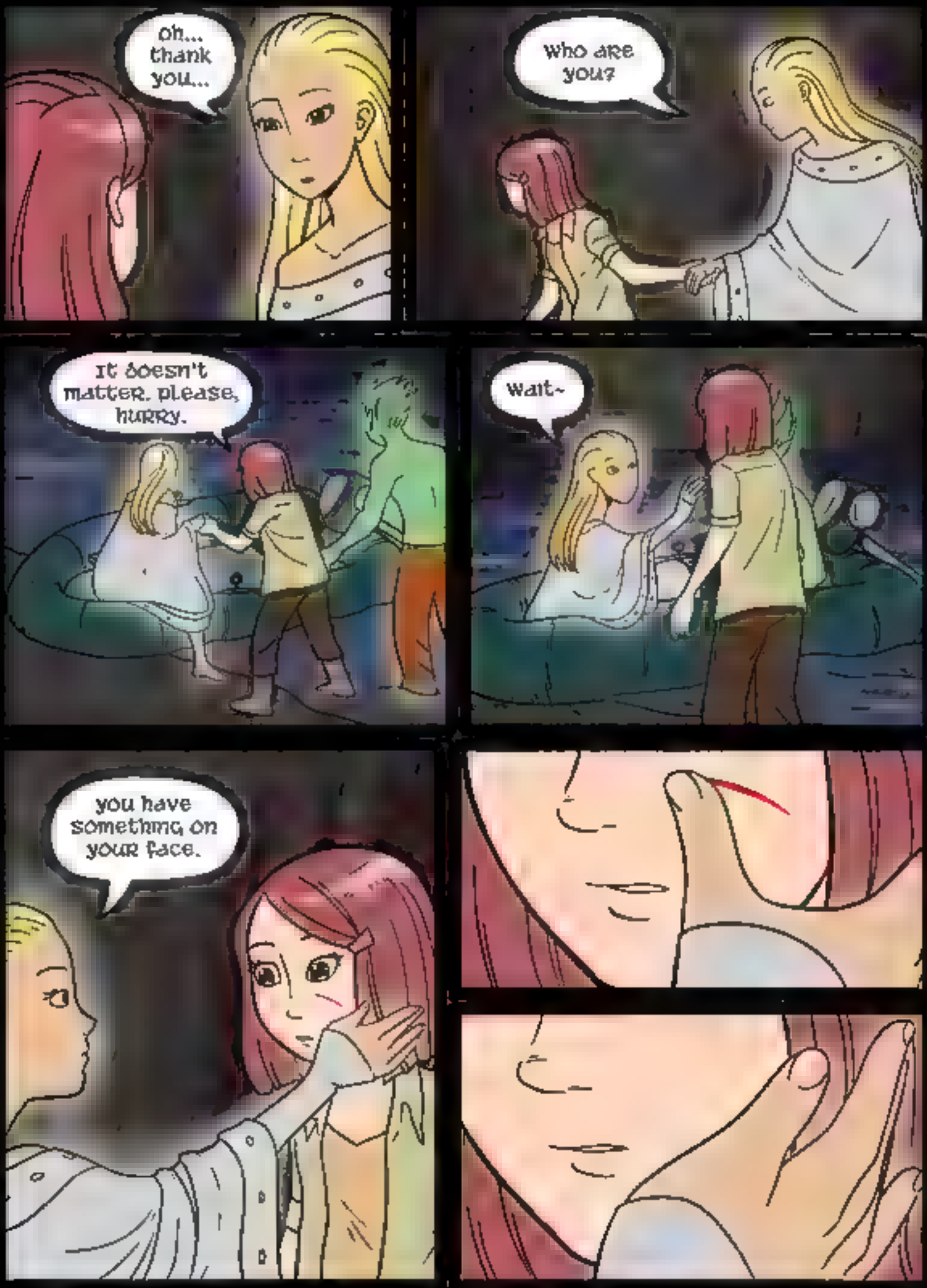
à main gauche ?

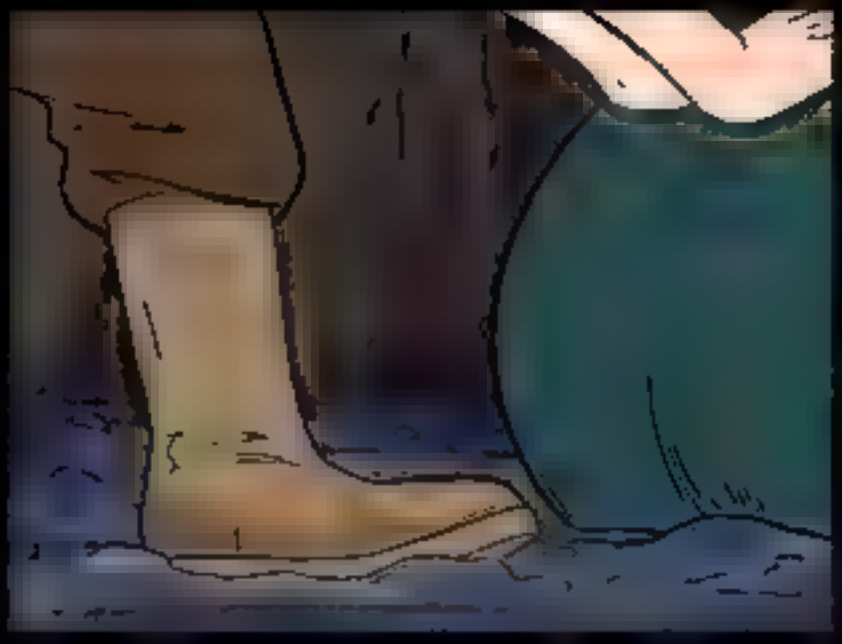


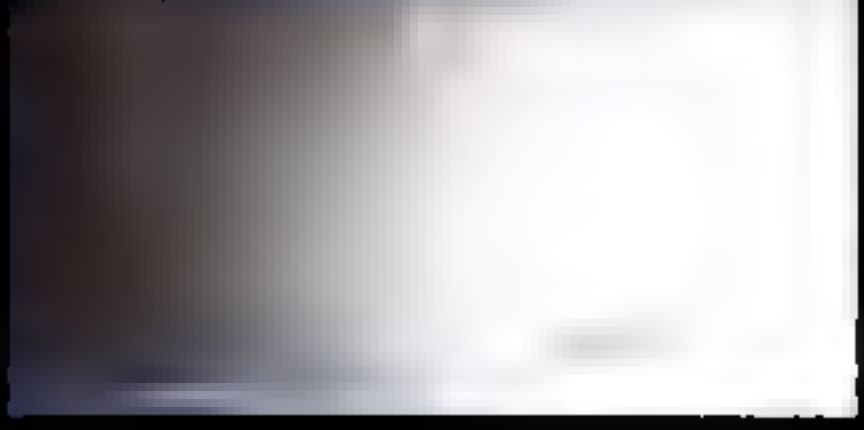
Clip
CLATTER

no! let her go.
andy, how did this happen?!
you weren't supposed to get hit, why didn't your powers work?!
what are you talking about?
she was... hiding a knife this whole time.
meant for you.
but now you're safe.
pretty lucky if you ask me.


you made it
sorry I took so long.
strong current today.
we we have to escape.
hurry, I have a boat for you.
you can follow the river


oh... thank you...
who are you?
it doesn't matter. please, hurry.
wait~
you have something on your face.





wha..
no! no! It's going to bleed more!

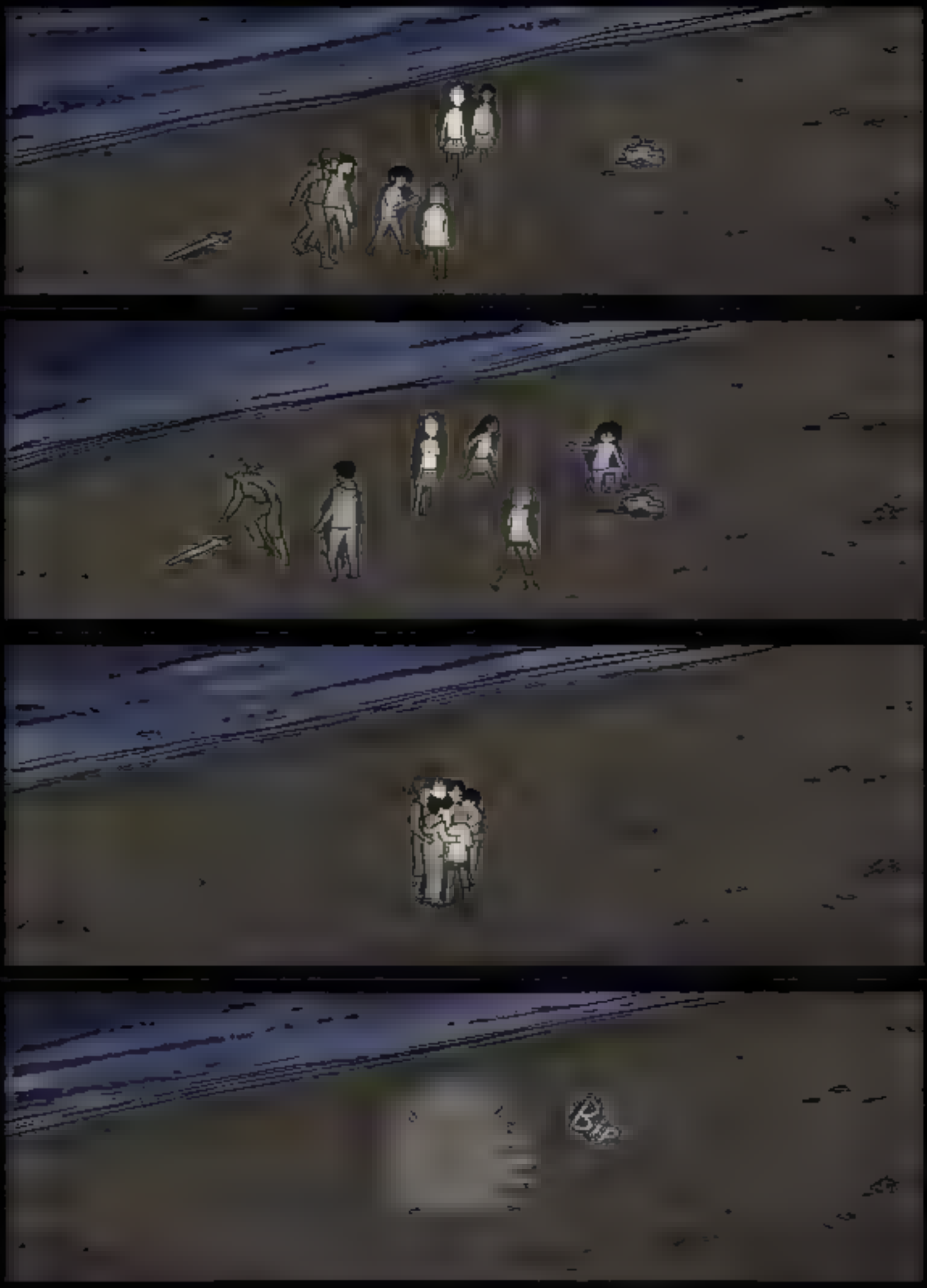
thank you, antimony
you have accomplished a great feat here tonight
never mind that.
fix this. I know you can
we will not
I did what you wanted! you owe me!
we owe you nothing.

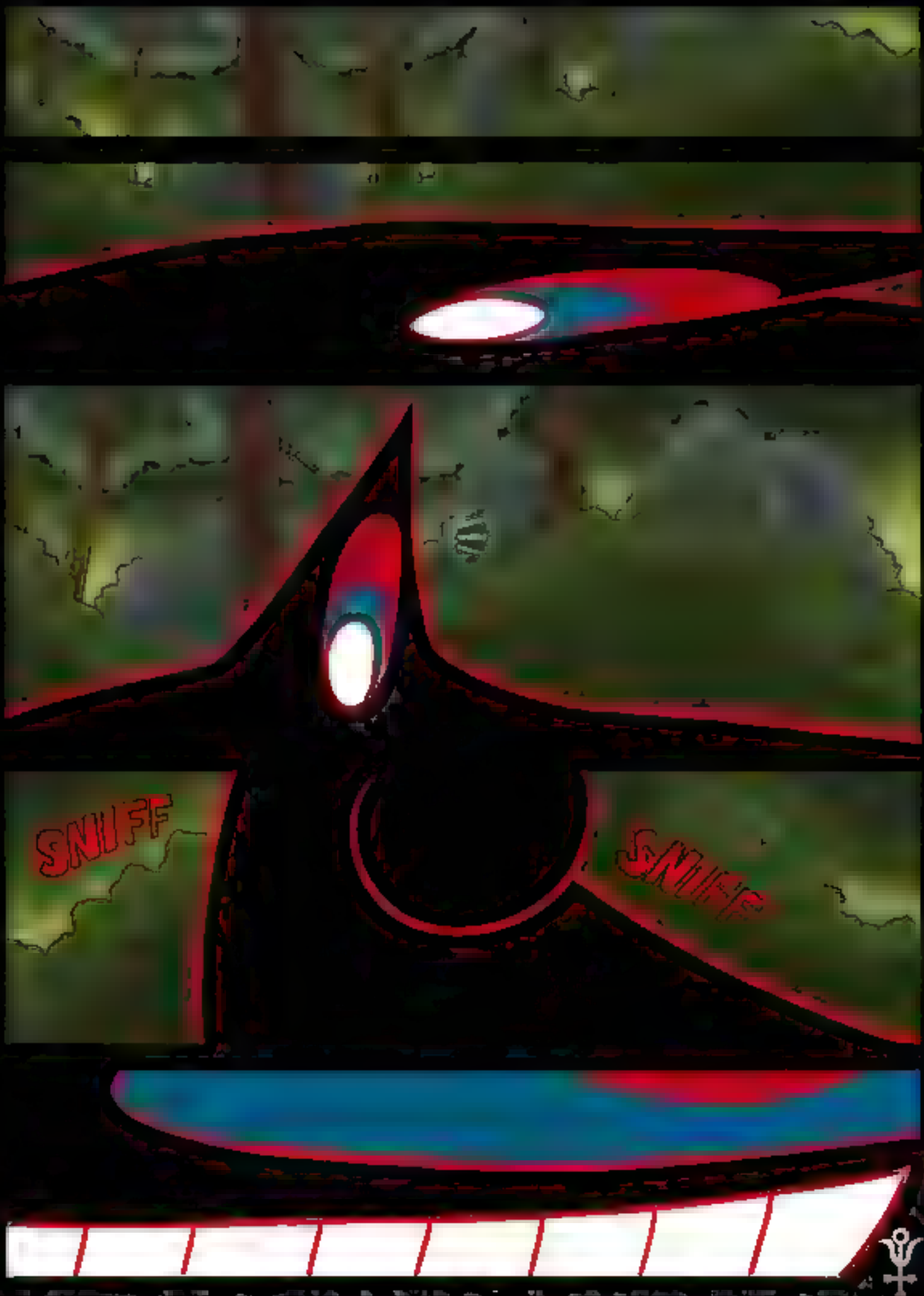
annie, we have to get out of here
we need to get andy to a doctor!
w-wait, please!
this happened because he was helping me do your work!
he shouldn't have to pay for this!

what's wrong with you people?!
annie's been working on this for years!
she risked her life and all she gets is "thanks?"
it seems to us she risked the lives of others in this task.
you -
but we can heal him
and she knows the price.

fine.
I'll do what you want.
just help him.
what, annie -

you belong to us now.

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Chapter 62:

And Then Coyote Said...

LET ME TELL YOU OF THE TIME I DISGUISED MYSELF AS A DEAD GOOSE IN A BUSH NEXT TO A LAKE!

I sprawled my corpse amongst the branches and waited!
On the first day the other animals did not recognise me and walked by, sombre as one is in the presence of death!
On the second day, the wind blew against the branches and caused my feathers to flutter!
On the third day, the wind blew once more and caused ripples on the lake!

On the fourth day I forgot what I was doing and truly believed I was a dead goose in a bush next to a lake!

On the fifth day I became sad at my lot in life, a poor goose who had met his end!

On the sixth day I thought of my lonely goose wife. Did she still enjoy the waters above which my sad, dry bones were suspended?

You see, this is how good my disguise was.

Even I was tricked!

and let me tell you, this is where the story Really starts to get interesting!
so on the seventh day

you seem to be doing better.
more focused
I think losing my blinker stone did help in the end.
though I still don't forgive you for breaking it!
hmm.
I can find you another one if you wish.
ysengrin, what do you want to do with your life?

What's all this now?
So you have... aspirations? things you want to do?
When I have wanted to do something, I have done it.
Yes this is because I have devoted my life to him now.
the restraint and guidance he gives me has made me the strongest I have ever been.
Really? there doesn't seem to be much you can "do" without coyote's permission.

my devotion and love for him has given my life purpose.
you're happy to live your life for someone else?
not yourself?
I've lived a long time.
long enough to see my life before coyote was without meaning
that's a bit much, surely.
what did I do before coyote?
hunted.
slept
roamed the woods.
hardly a life
and now?
see how strong I am!
see the power coyote has.
I am part of that strength, and he wields me as he sees fit.

But why coyote? just because he's strong?
he is a god.
there are many creatures that can be worshipped as gods.
my life is not given in worship
he is the river on which my body and my will is carried.
where he flows, I go with him
so you have no control over your life?
I have more control than I ever had.
more restraint.
more resolve.

Left in the wild it is possible to survive, yes, but given order and purpose it is possible to flourish.
I tried to impart this to you as well.
I can see the fire inside you has tempered your will, made you strong
But there were times when it threatened to overwhelm you.
you did help me, ysengrin
Why are you curious about this?
I've just been thinking lately
about what I'll be doing in the future.

do you have plans?
I hadn't thought about it much... but lately it looks like my future has been planned out for me.
by the court?
no, the psychopomps.
the afterlife guides?
I have heard of them, but do not know much of them.
your mother worked with them too?
that's right. It was always a possibility I would as well.
well I hope their plans do not stop you from visiting me.

and then, when I finished counting all the stars on the hundredth day, I suddenly remembered!

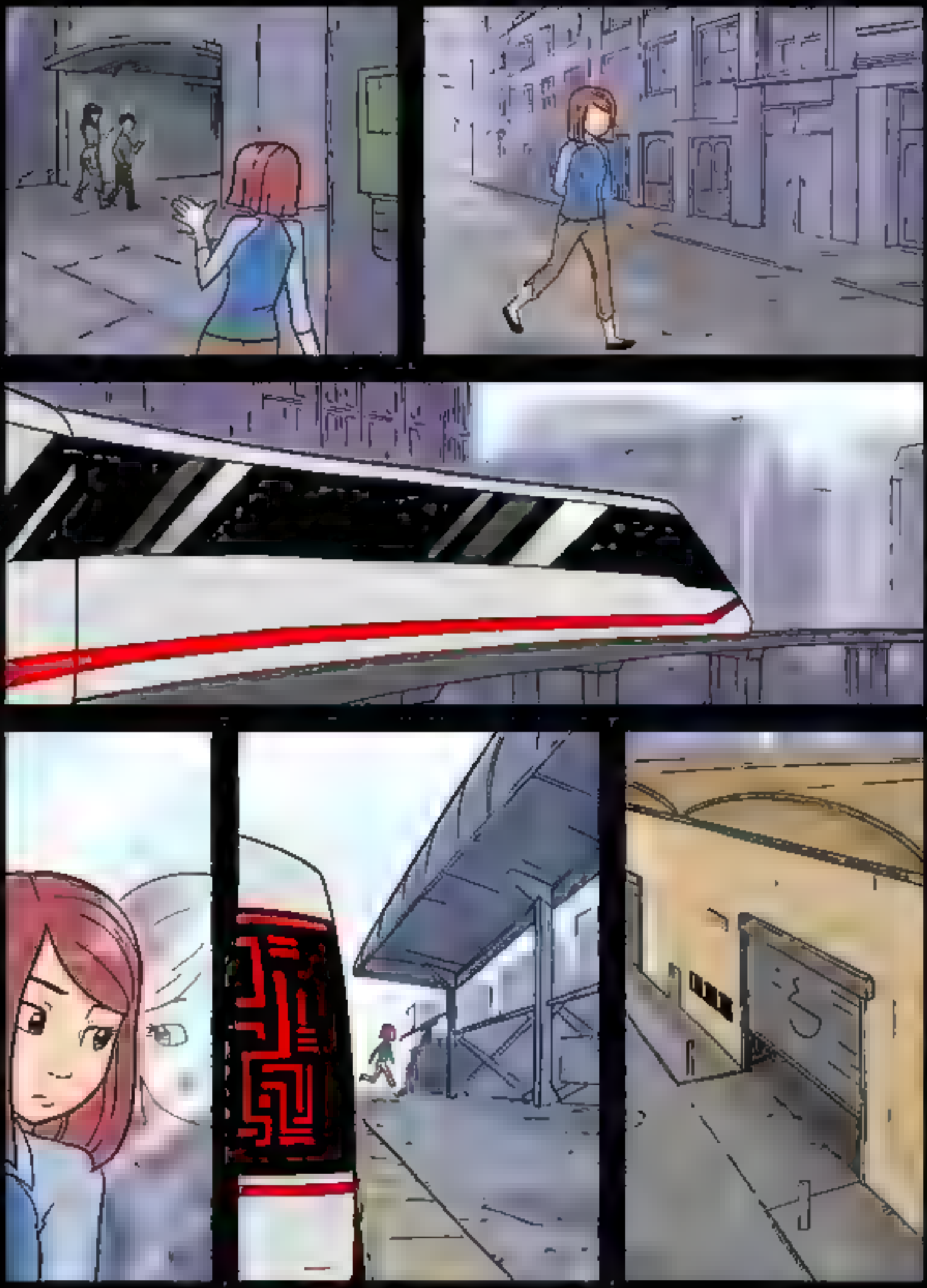
I was not a dead goose in a bush next to a lake, I was the great coyote!

I laughed and was impressed at how I was able to trick even myself!

and then the goose and the bush and the lake were gone, since they were all part of my disguise and I grew bored

and the moral of the story is .
be careful what you wish for!
hmm... no.
you reap what you sow!
no, no...
ah! the moral is!
do not be a dead goose in a bush next to a lake!
yes! that fits perfectly!

haha! you're lucky, you got the short version!
I feel like all we do is listen to his stories.
he gave us some gifts while you were off with ysengrin, too.
I got a goose bone.
and he gave me some water from his lake
except he said he was the lake so I don't really know what it is...



heyy, annie!
ah! robot!
Hello!
up and running again soon?
eventually! I'm using this opportunity to take the next step.
since I'm replacing his arms because of... well, you know
I'm going to give him new legs too!
so we're switching out to a whole new chassis
the only thing that will be left of his old body will be h's head.
for now!

ah, this looks like a spine!
yeah, It'll serve the same purpose too it's probably been the hardest part to get right.
kat, do you think I did the right thing?
with jeanne?
haha, it's a little late to have second thoughts, isn't it?
I know, it's just .
I can't help but think about how badly everything could have gone wrong. .

Red said what?!
Why that little...!
no, she had a point!
I know we all worked together to help Jeanne... but this whole thing started because of me.
Sigh
annie, do you regret helping Jeanne?
no..
well good. you shouldn't you did the right thing.

yeah, things could have gone worse. a lot worse.
but there wasn't a single one of us that could have done anything on our own.
you saw what each of us could do and put together a plan that uses the best parts of us.
me, parley, smitty, we all trust you.
And me!
the only unknowns were red and blue.
I mean .. aylu, was it?
they don't know you like we do.
and, frankly, red shouldn't have been there at all.

but andrew...
that was terrible, but getting healed by the psychopomps was way better than anything a doctor could have done.
It was a close call, sure, but we all knew what we were getting in to.
but did you feel pressured into helping me?
well, parley's a big girl. if she didn't want to help, she can speak for herself.
and smitty, he adores you! he'd have your back no matter what.
I did feel under pressure when you asked me to figure out the arrow device...
I didn't know if I could do what you wanted...
but somehow you knew!
and you encouraged me to do something I never thought possible!

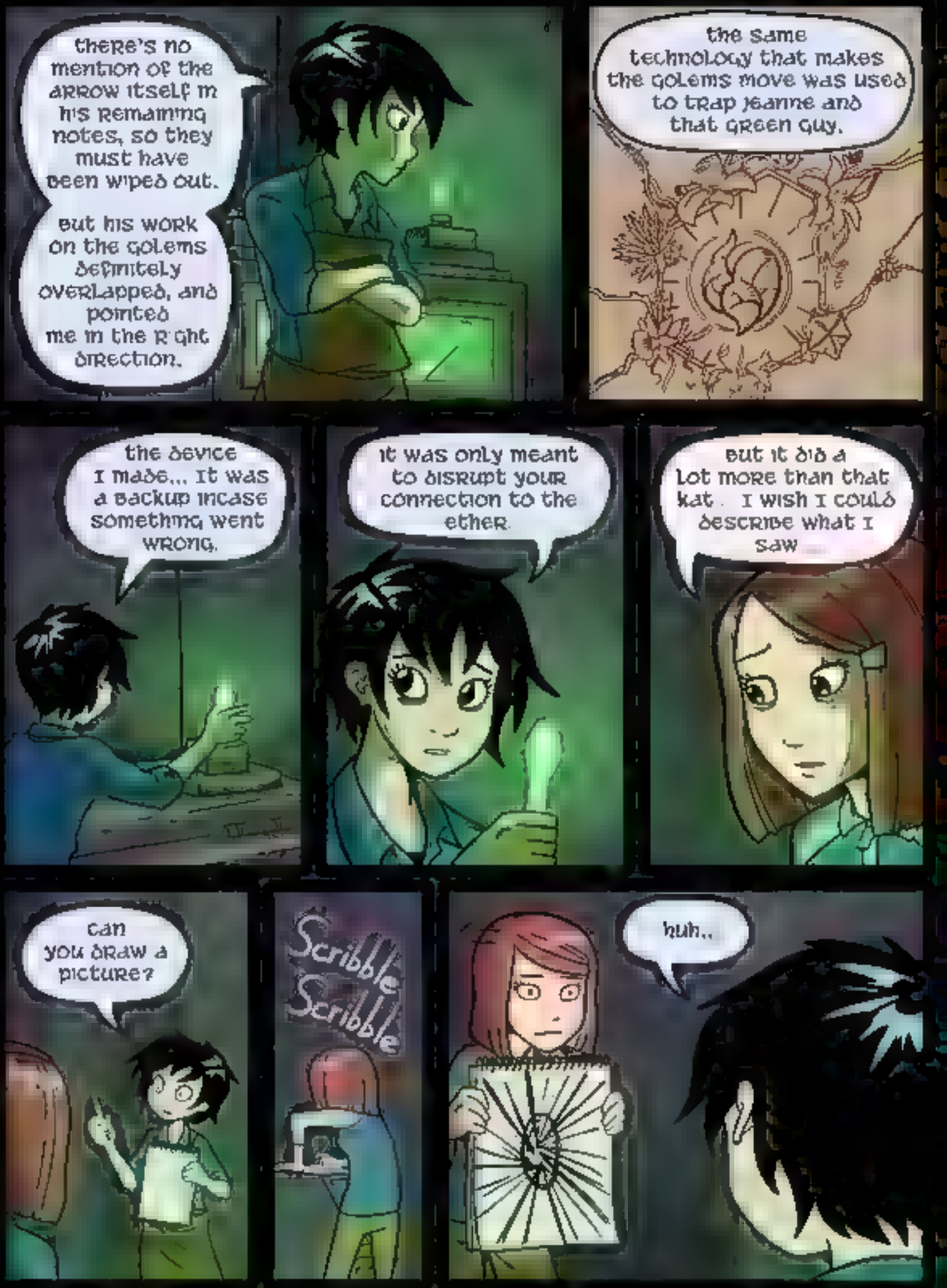
as for keeping this all from the court...
the court's the reason jeanne was down there in the first place!
there was more than just "avoiding trouble" like red said.
parley and smitty could have lost their jobs been kicked out completely!
who knows what could have happened?.
that-that's what I was thinking too!
look, red and these other fairy kids, they seem to have their own weird priorities
but I guess I'd be angry too, if someone I loved was put in danger.
that's the problem.
the psychopomps started all this when they came to me for help...
but it became an obsession of my own.
an obsession that almost got one of my friends killed.

maybe you were obsessed with it, but that's something you're going to have to examine for yourself
nobody can tell you how you should feel.
It seems like these psychopomp guys are kinda pushy and selfish though
Flip
maybe that's something I have in common with them!
aww, come on!
But... what exactly did you promise them?
when they helped andy.
It's fairly simple.
one day they will call on me and I will have to go and work for them.

do you know when that will happen?
no.
before I die, I suppose
it was something I hoped to avoid, but now I have no choice
your mum avoided it, didn't she?
she did, technically.
she helped them sometimes, in the hospital, but I assume that after she gave birth to me
she was of no use to them any more.

you don't think... they planned all this to get at you ?
what do you mean?
I mean, Jeanne was trapped by the river when your mum was here at the court, right?
but the psychopomps didn't pressure her to help them
there must be something about you that they really want.
Glint
the arrow ..

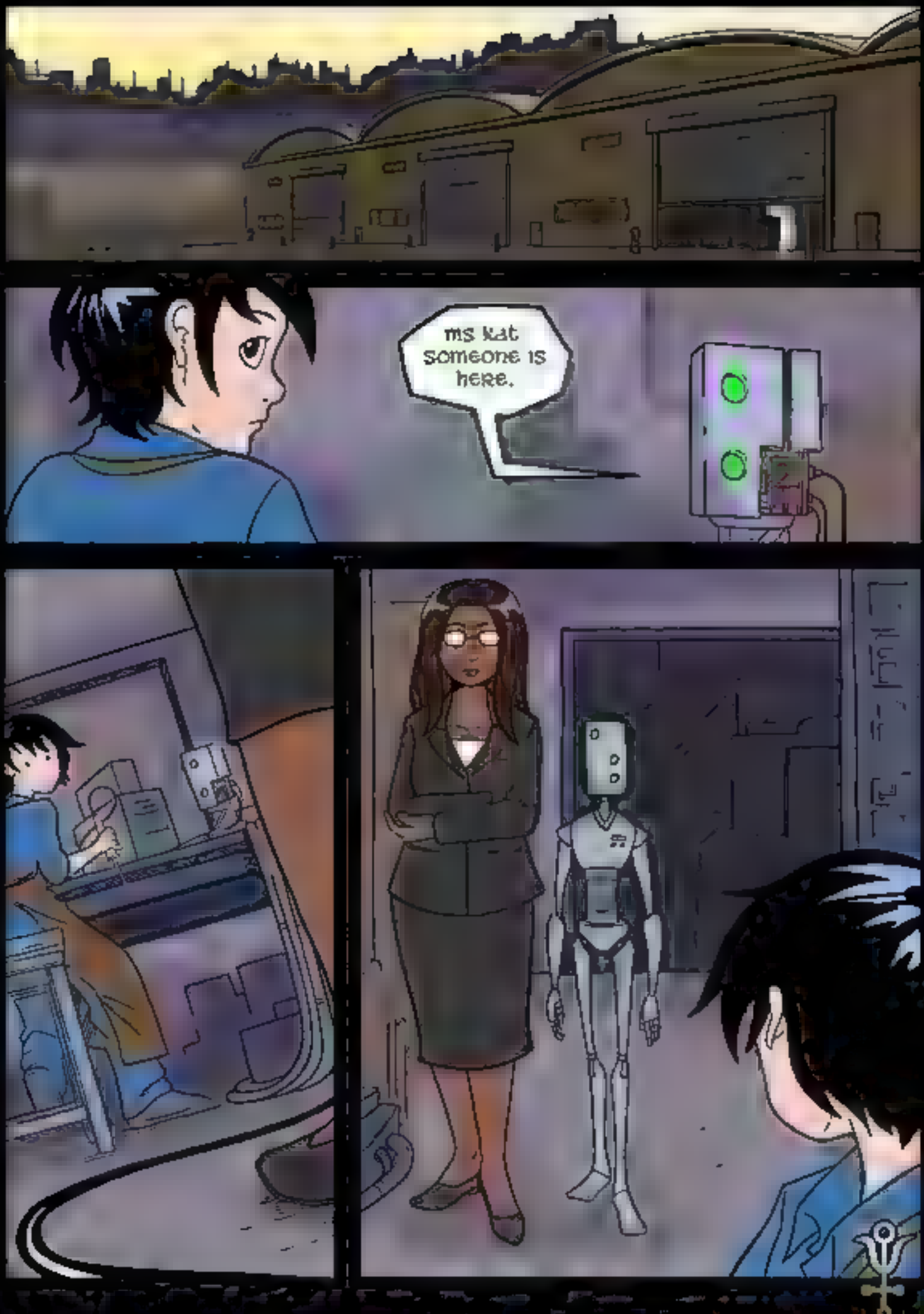
yeah, it's in confinement right now.
I wanted to take a closer look at it when I got the chance
this is the device you made..
yeah...
you were able to use this to enter the ether with me
diego again.
it was his work that helped me figure it out
in some sense, the arrow is one of his golems.


there's no mention of the arrow itself in his remaining notes, so they must have been wiped out.
but his work on the golems definitely overlapped, and pointed me in the right direction.
the same technology that makes the golems move was used to trap jeanne and that green guy.
the device I made... It was a backup incase something went wrong.
it was only meant to disrupt your connection to the ether.
but it did a lot more than that kat. I wish I could describe what I saw...
can you draw a picture?
Scribble Scribble
huh..

what do you think we should do with it?
is it dangerous?
I don't think so. It was built for a very specific purpose, but right now it's unlocked and not doing anything.
it's just a tool, and a tool is only as dangerous as the person using it.
can you destroy it?
yeah but I'd hoped to study it some more!
well, there's nobody I'd trust more to keep it safe than you, kat!

If the least we did was retrieve the arrow and stop it from hurting anyone else, I think we did the right thing
Good! You shouldn't feel bad about what Red said!
Aylus safe, Andy's safe, and Jeanne and her boyfriend can rest in peace.
Don't lose sight of that
If you want to examine your motivations or whatever, you have to do that yourself.
I knew you'd make me feel better
How are you so good at this?!
Haw!
Don't let someone else tell you what to think.

well, I better get going. I'm going to have dinner with my father!
Oh, that sounds
great


ms kat someone is here.

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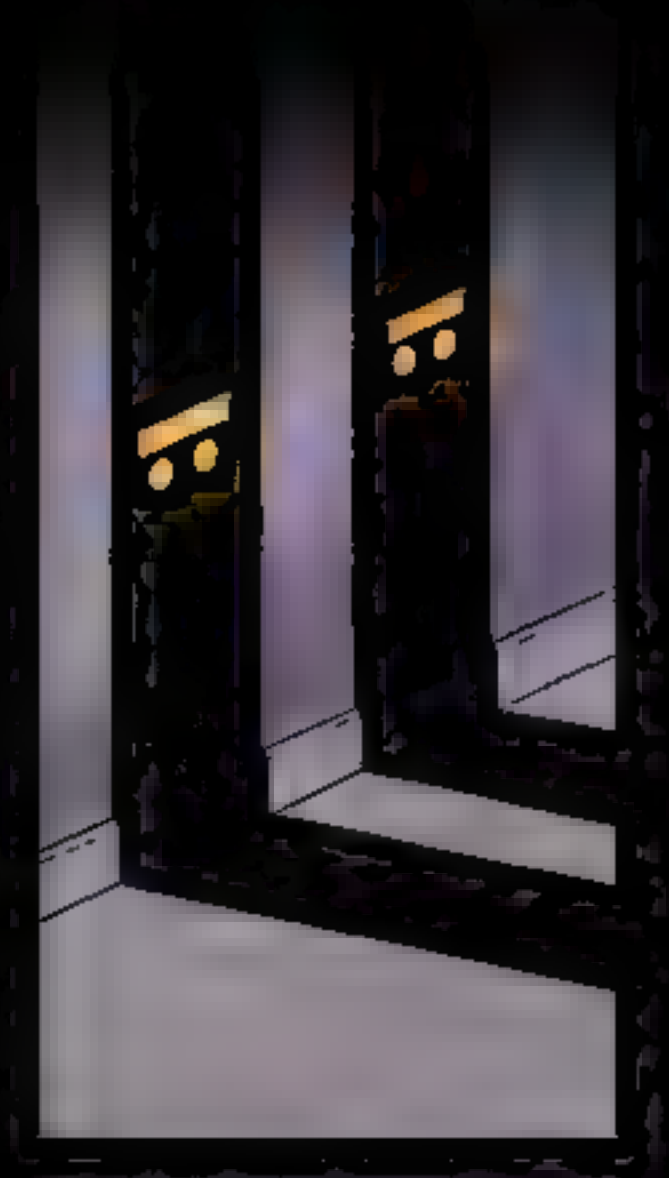
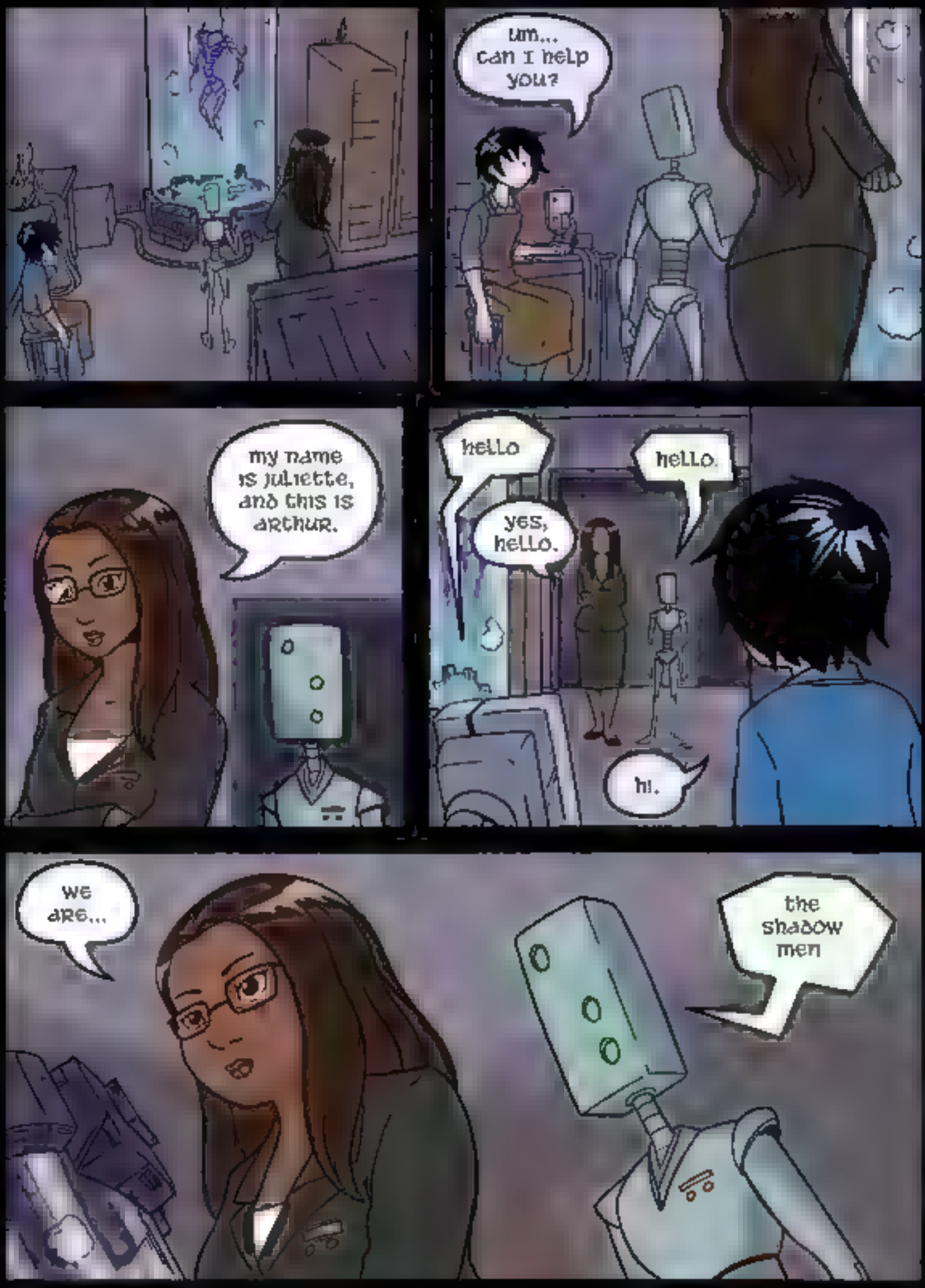
Chapter 63:

The Shadow Men



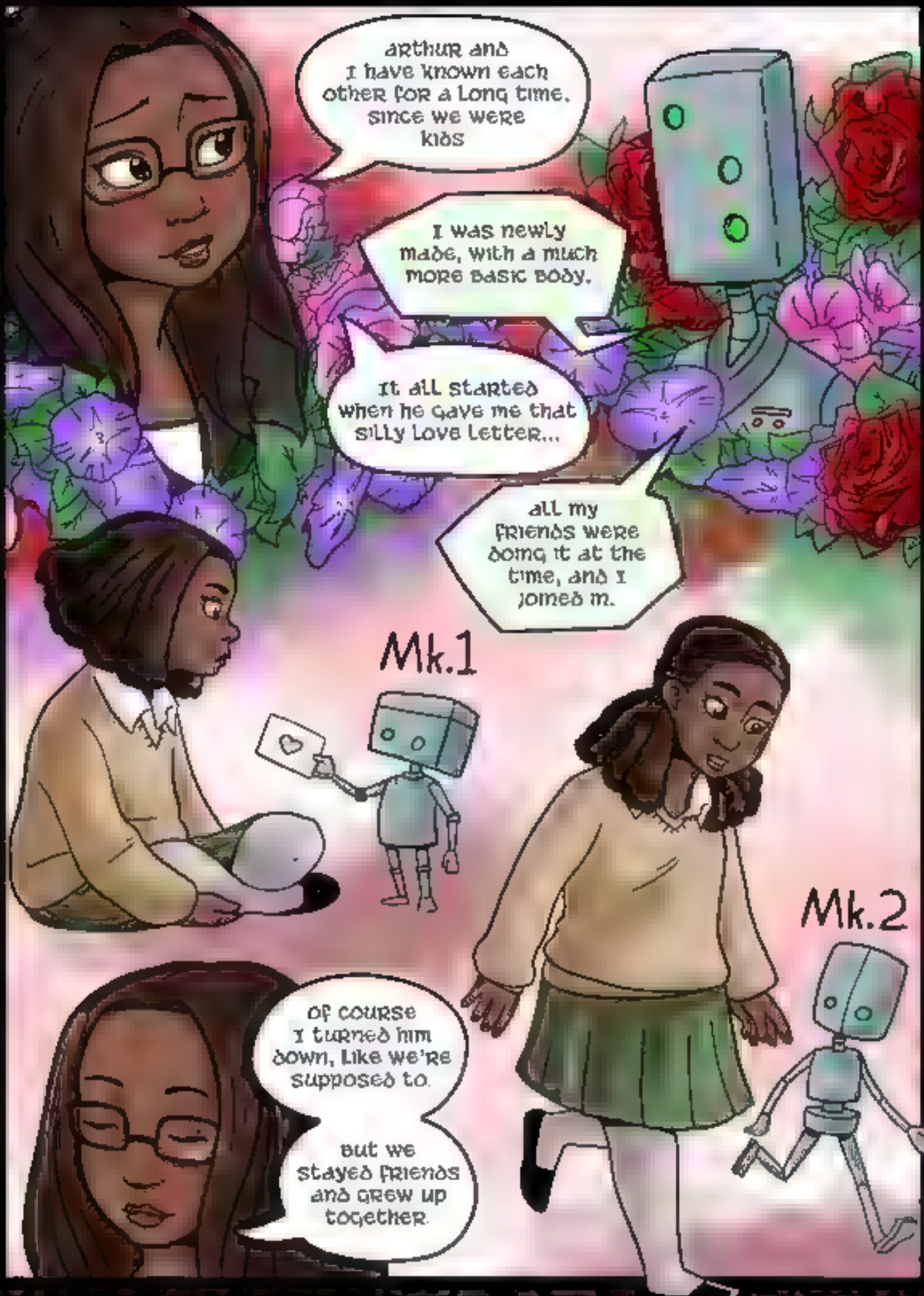

um... can I help you?
my name is juliette, and this is arthur.
hello
hello.
yes, hello.
hi.
we are...
the shadow men

uh...
huh?
specifically, we are two members of the shadow men
an organisation that works in secret within the court
named after a forest creature you are familiar with, yes?
never heard of 'em ..
on the contrary, we are aware you and antimony carver are harboring a fugitive shadow creature within the court itself.

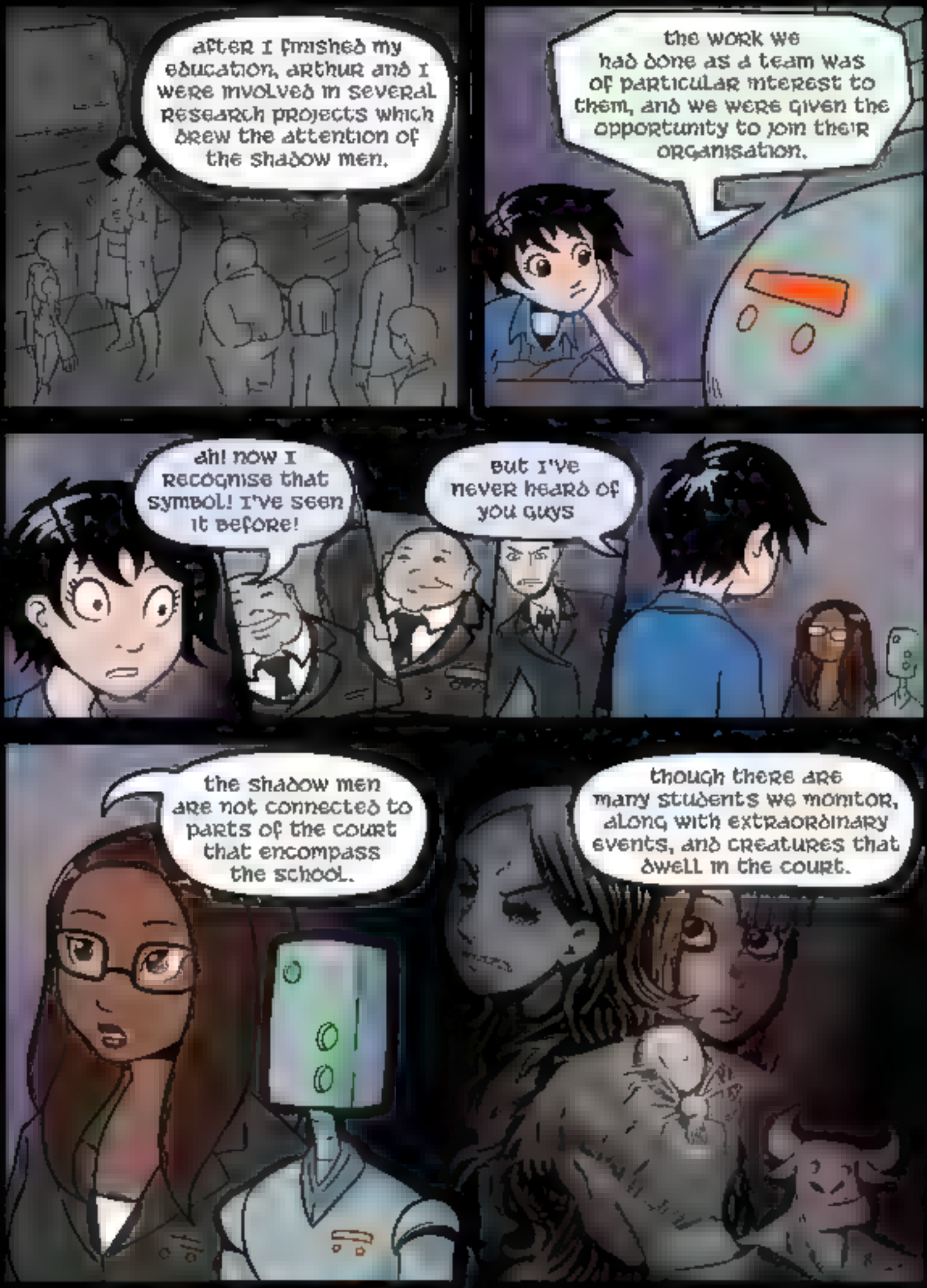
we have been watching you very closely.
monitoring how your work has developed.
we even know that yourself, antimony, george parley, andrew smith and several others ..
left the school grounds several nights ago.
including this unique court robot...
unauthorised, I might add.
what.. hey ..
but don't worry.
we've kept your activities secret from the rest of the shadow men

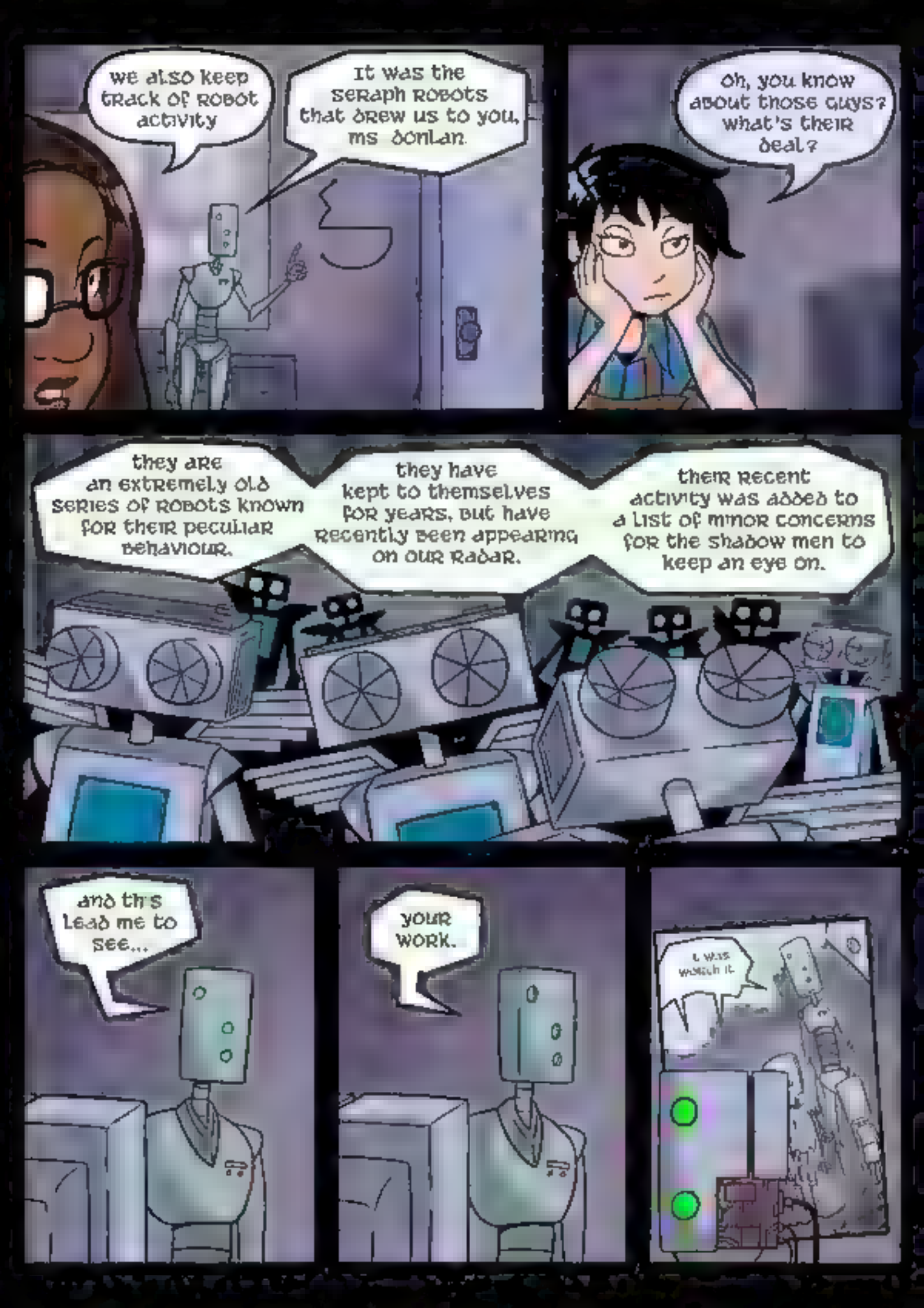
not only are we in charge of your surveillance, we've temporarily disabled all monitoring equipment
no-one will ever know we met.
but.. why?
because we want you to upgrade arthur with this new body you're creating.
what?!
is this some kinda shakedown?!
n-no...
then why are you trying to steal my work?!

uh .. are you two
yes
we're in love.
oh my goddd!
ah! wonderful!
here, take a seat, take a seat!
have some tea!
Fuss
Fuss
you know this is against the rules, right?
yes.
we've never told anyone!
this is such a relief!


Arthur and I have known each other for a long time, since we were kids
I was newly made, with a much more basic body.
It all started when he gave me that silly love letter...
all my friends were doing it at the time, and I joined in.
Mk.1
Mk.2
Of course I turned him down, like we're supposed to.
but we stayed friends and grew up together.

as the years passed we grew closer, and I became aware of feelings for juliette that I held for no other.
and I began to sense she felt the same
Mk.19
It's true!
arthur was such a good friend, and he was always there for me, during the good times and the bad.
I had a pretty normal life... friends, relationships.
but one day I looked back and realised the person that made me feel the happiest...
was arthur!
Mk.7
Mk 3
Mk.17
Mk.26
and that never changed!
In fact, I love him more than ever!
oh, juliette! and I love you so!


after I finished my education, arthur and I were involved in several research projects which drew the attention of the shadow men.
the work we had done as a team was of particular interest to them, and we were given the opportunity to join their organisation.
ah! now I recognise that symbol! I've seen it before!
but I've never heard of you guys
the shadow men are not connected to parts of the court that encompass the school.
though there are many students we monitor, along with extraordinary events, and creatures that dwell in the court.


we also keep track of robot activity
It was the seraph robots that drew us to you, ms donlan
oh, you know about those guys? what's their deal?
they are an extremely old series of robots known for their peculiar behaviour.
they have kept to themselves for years, but have recently been appearing on our radar.
their recent activity was added to a list of minor concerns for the shadow men to keep an eye on.
and this lead me to see...
your work.
i will watch it.

working with the shadow men... It's always been a means to an end.
before they approached us, arthur and I were conducting research into the transference of consciousness.
ooh!
with their resources, we were able to continue our work in secret
the idea doesn't interest the court very much.
similar technology is already being used to accommodate students that come here from the forest.
and even that is extremely limited. it requires direct involvement from coyote to work at all.
COURT
TECH
but for arthur and I... the idea is deeply important
It could be a way for us to be together.

when we saw where your work was headed, we knew we had to reach out to you.
despite the risks
and we can help keep your work a secret.
but why is this such a risk?
why does all this stuff have to be a secret?
bridging the gap between human body and machine mind is extremely unpalatable to the court.
haw! but this body is nothing even close to human!
we understand that which is why we came to you now.
before it was too late.

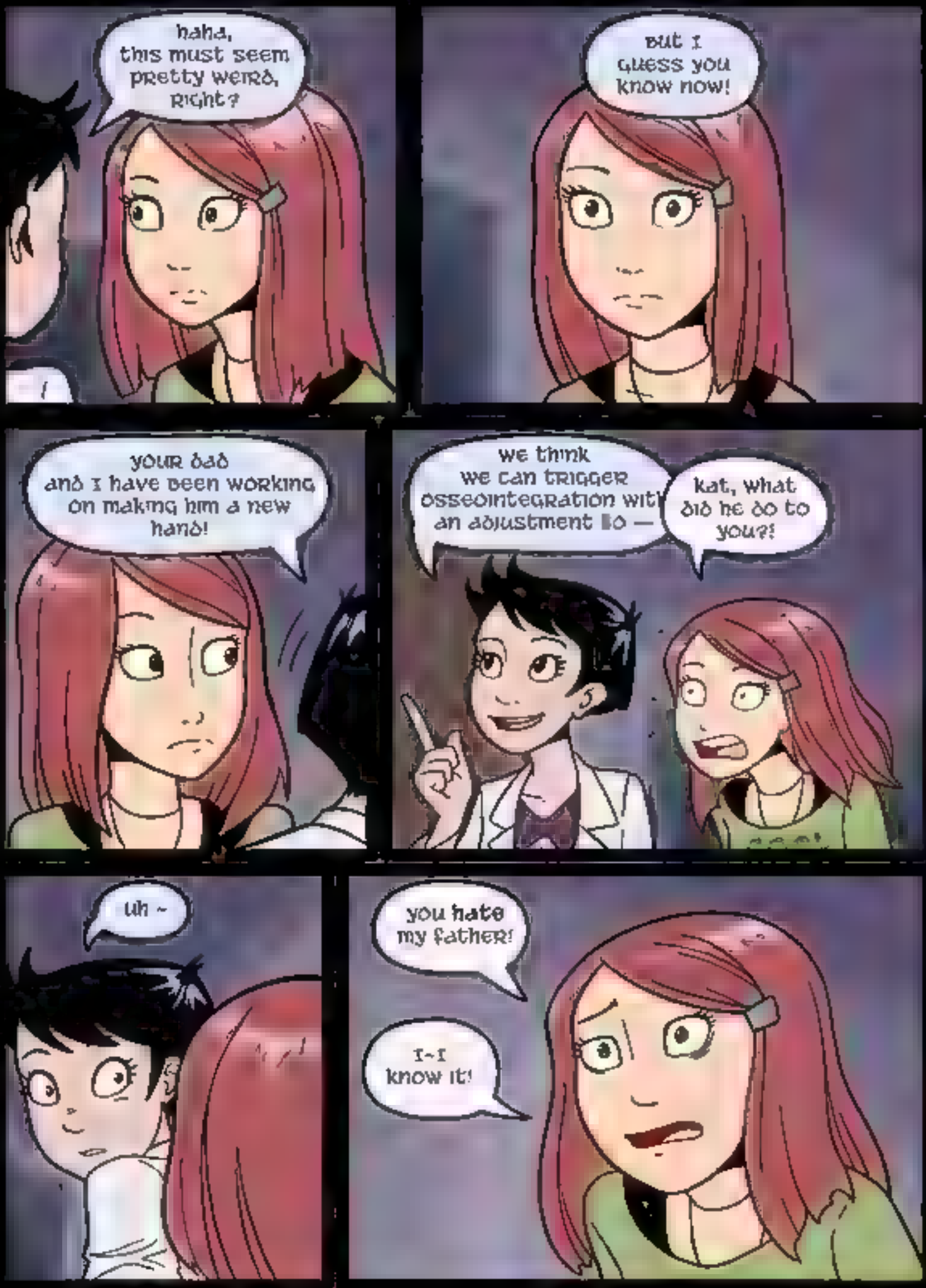
a robot is never allowed to leave the court.
any that try have been forcibly reprogrammed or destroyed.
and I'll never leave arthur.
but you want to leave the court?
we do...
and with this new technology of yours, we might be able to finally make arthur into...
something new
perhaps not human...
but human enough to leave with me

Look, I do want to help you out
but I want to get my friend, Robot, up and running too.
we're not expecting you to give us this body just like that
we wish for you to continue your prototyping stages, of course.
and... we weren't quite accurate when we said nobody knew about us...
there is someone else... a colleague...
and they wish to work with you.

Coo
Coo
COOL
BEANS!
HA
HA
HA!

?
HA HA HA!
Hehe! Whaat?!

oh! annie!
I must be getting along.
I will contact you again shortly
antmony.
COOL BEANS


haha, this must seem pretty weird, right?
but I guess you know now!
your dad and I have been working on making him a new hand!
we think we can trigger osseointegration with an adjustment to —
kat, what did he do to you?!
uh ~
you hate my father!
I~I know it!

um I
did he brainwash you?
you were smiling!
you were both smiling!
but he's totally different when nobody else is around!
L-Look, I know I didn't like him before, but...
he... I dunno, he's kinda funny, and really smart!
this isn't right.
something's wrong
we have to get you help.
ack!

MRS. DONLAN, SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH KAT!
I THINK MY FATHER BRAINWASHED HER!
W-WHAT ARE YOU...
SHE'S SERIOUS, MOM
HE MUST HAVE DONE SOMETHING TO HER...
LIKE HE D'D TO MY MOTHER!
THAT WOULD EXPLAIN EVERYTHING!

woah, annie, what are you talking about?!
I - I know that people don't like my father!
even at good hope, when I was younger, I could tell people tried to avoid him!
and ever since he's been back, I knew people hated him!
and none more vehemently than you, kat!
things were starting to feel... normal again!
COOL BEANS!

But now... he's done something to make even you like him?!
Annie, you've never said anything about this before!
you've always been clear that you thought your mom and dad loved each other!
they did...
I'm sure of it!
COOL
or at least.. I was sure of it...
COOL
could it be.. he did something to her too?
COOL
some kind of trick? or manipulation?
COOL BEANS
Why else would she marry him?!

oh, annie ..
tony didn't brainwash your mother.
it was much worse than that...
they fell in love...

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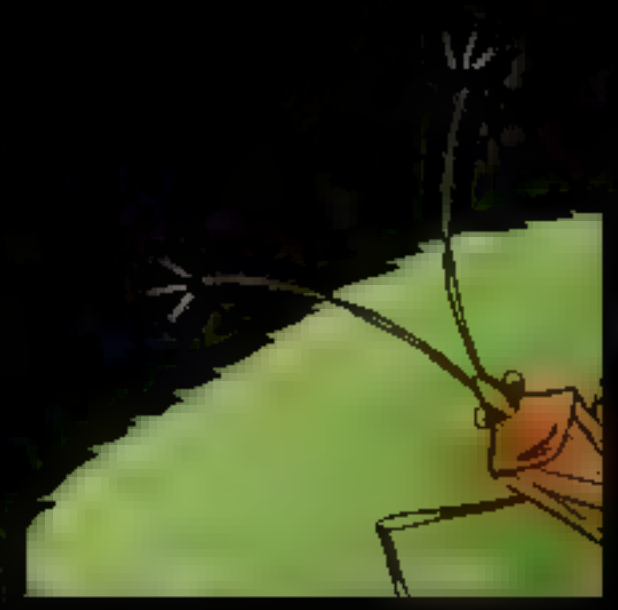
Chapter 64:

Get Lost



tony, I don't think I'm going to be able to come with you.
I should really go with anja to see her dad.

that is fine, donald.
oh, no, donnie, you can't cancel your trip because of me!
you both have been planning it for so long!
please, anja, do not worry about it donald should accompany you to the funeral.
your family should come first

can't ya, like, go on your own, tony?
no. it was to be a two man expedition.
it will have to be cancelled.
waaa haaa haaa!
then I'll go with ya!
umm. if it's important an' all

surma, this was to be an entomological expedition into the jungles of brazil.
so?
I deal with that kind of stuff in the forest all the time!
if you're certain, I'd greatly appreciate your help.
yeah, yeah, of course.
then I will go and obtain authorisation from the court about the change of plans.
I'll go with you, tony.
surma, are you crazy?!

It's a month long trip!
and you'll be spending it alone...
with tony!
s-so?
I don't think you've ever even talked to him without donald around!
Look, james is off doin' his training so god knows when he'll be back.
and with you an' donny away I'm going to be here alone, bored!
I don't know, surma...
It'll be a nice holiday away from the court!
and maybe it's time I got to know tony a little better, ya know?
haha!

maybe
I am
crazy!

What's all the stuff for?
It's field equipment, to study the insects.
Insects?!
I thought you said this was an etymological trip, not entomological!
hahaha!

Oh no! I thought there would be other people here since we'd be studying language...
Listen, are you going to be okay, Surma?
I'd drive you back, but the plane will have left by now...
and supply drop is in two weeks
n-no!
I said I'd help, so I'm going to help!
Gah... I hate insects so much!

SORRY, DID I WAKE YOU?
Clonk

did I sleep in?
are you just heading out?
nah, I came back to get more things. I've been setting up equipment.
you've been out already?!
why didn't you wake me?!
well, we had a long trip yesterday. I know this wasn't what you were expecting...
hey! don't think I'm not up to this!
I know it's not a holiday, so don't go easy on me!
haha, okay then.
hurry up and get dressed!
right!

here, you'll need this.
and this.
INSECT REPELLENT
1 2 3 4
and everything in here.

okay, that's it for this area.
let's take a break.
good job, surma you're a big help!
oh! uh .. thanks!
here.
haha!
jeez, he's so different...

So, shall we see why we're really out here?
What's that?
EYES ONLY
Instructions from the court.
I get these all the time.
yeah, a set of coordinates and a time frame
Click Click
starts tomorrow, so we're on schedule
for what?
we just have to be there at the stated times, continue with the field study otherwise

so the court always sends you out here?
different places, not always the jungle like this
yeesh, good. this place is totally different to gillitie forest.
and it's so hot!
I thought you could control fire?
a little, yeah, but only fire I make.
I still feel heat!
can you burn this?

yeah. keep hold of it
Poof!
I notice you close your eyes to do it.
yeah, cos I can see it in the ether.
can you do it again?
STARE

I can't concentrate when you keep lookin' at me!
okay, I'll face away
hahahaha!

so you literally see things when you do that!
and you really do need to concentrate
it's really hard! I'm better at other stuff, like levitation and such.
my grandmother, antimony, could control fire real easy
that's what my ma told me, anyway.
you never met her?
nah, she died when my mum was real young. just like my mum did.
I'm sorry...
it's just how it is
what about your parents? where are your mum and dad?
we should get going to the next area.
then we can call it a day.

I'll get making some food.
Oh my God, that would be amazing.
What do you think, stir fry or...
Zzzzz

!
you said to not take it easy on you so, let's get going!
yeach! bitter!
BOOM
let's go

according to the coordinates, it's this specific area.
how can they be so accurate?!
the court uses a geo-location system that's extremely granular.
it's pretty incredible.
so what now?
now we wait
something's going to happen in that very spot, and we have to make note of everything.

yuk!
okay, that's the time frame over.
we'll come back tomorrow.
what?! is that it?!
nothing happened! we just wasted four hours!
haha! yup!
"no observable activity."
but now we can get back to studying the insects.

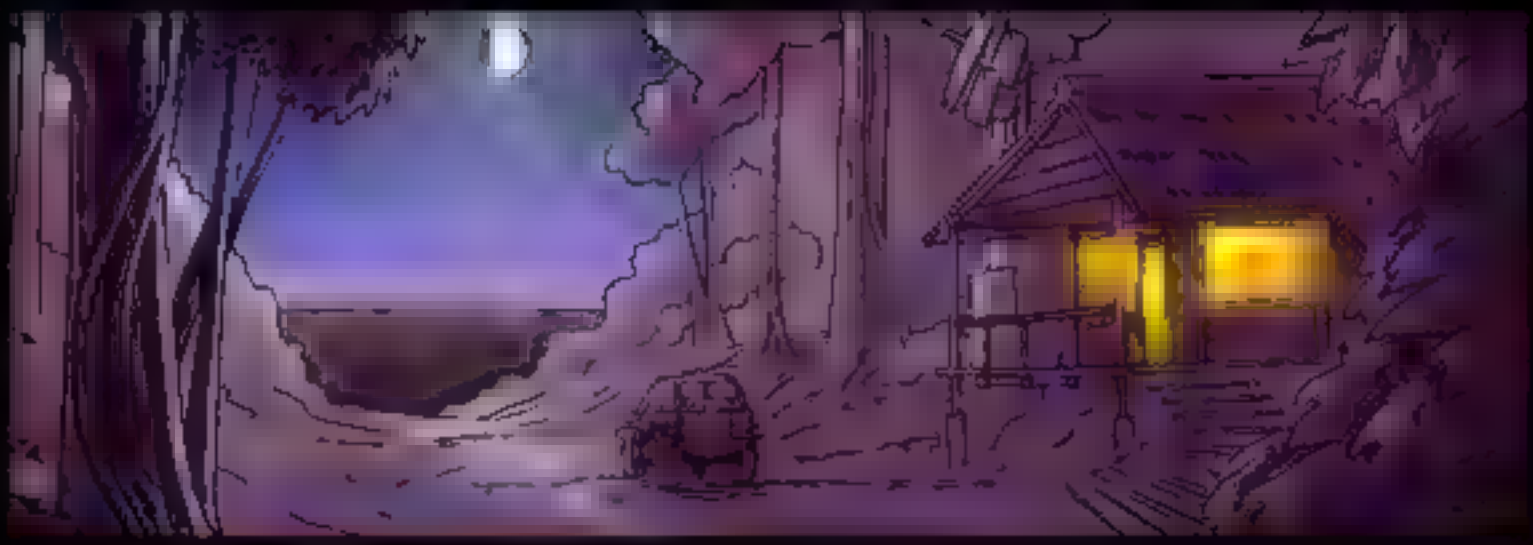
THE NEXT DAY
THE NEXT DAY
NUDGE
we both have to be awake.

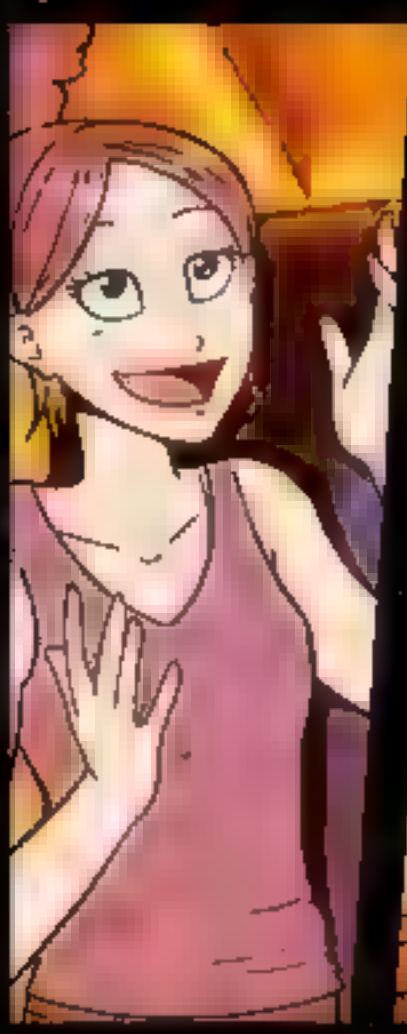
Snap
oh!
RUSTLE
was... was that what we were waiting for?
hmm. could be I've certainly seen more interesting events.
But we have to keep coming back until the end of the time frame in a couple of weeks
great.

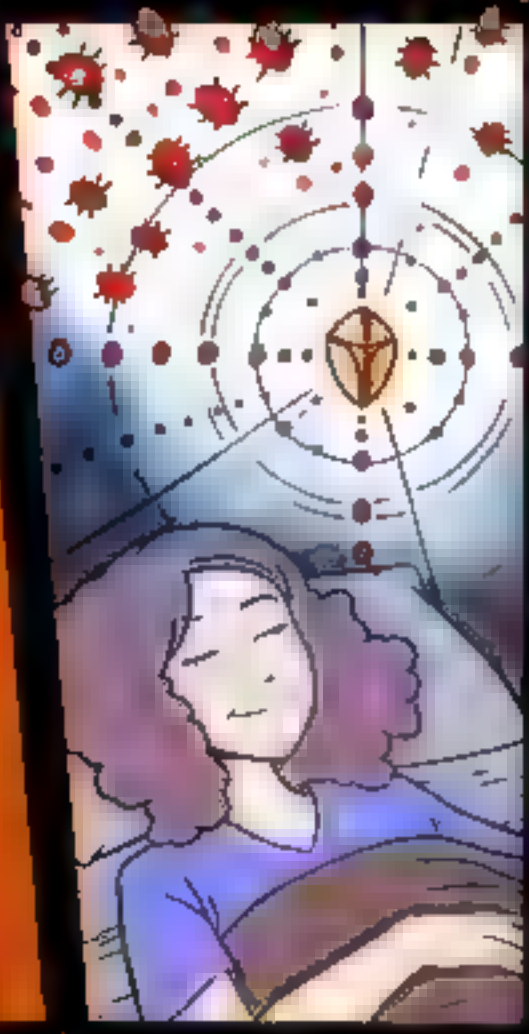
ahh!
eek!
aaahh!
surma!
a bug!
It landed!
on my clipboard!
and her babies spread out all around!
It must have been so heavily laden it had to land as soon as it could.
careful!
they're in the grass!
don't step on the babies!
don't step on 'em!

oh!
don't move!
don't move!
oh! I can't even imagine it!
don't step on 'em!
I've never seen anything like it!
hahaha!

I - I can't even imagine it!
haha!
haha!







no makeup today?
nah, it's a bit silly, isn't it?
um don't you think so?
hmm? oh, no, I don't think it's silly at all.
I always thought it was very sexy.

ah!

THUMP
I bet that was the event
So we came all this way to watch a couple of slugs go at it?
haha!

I think it's clear your ability to burn things uses up a certain amount of joules from your body.
Oh, thank you.
When we get back to the court I'd like to...
figure out how the energy...

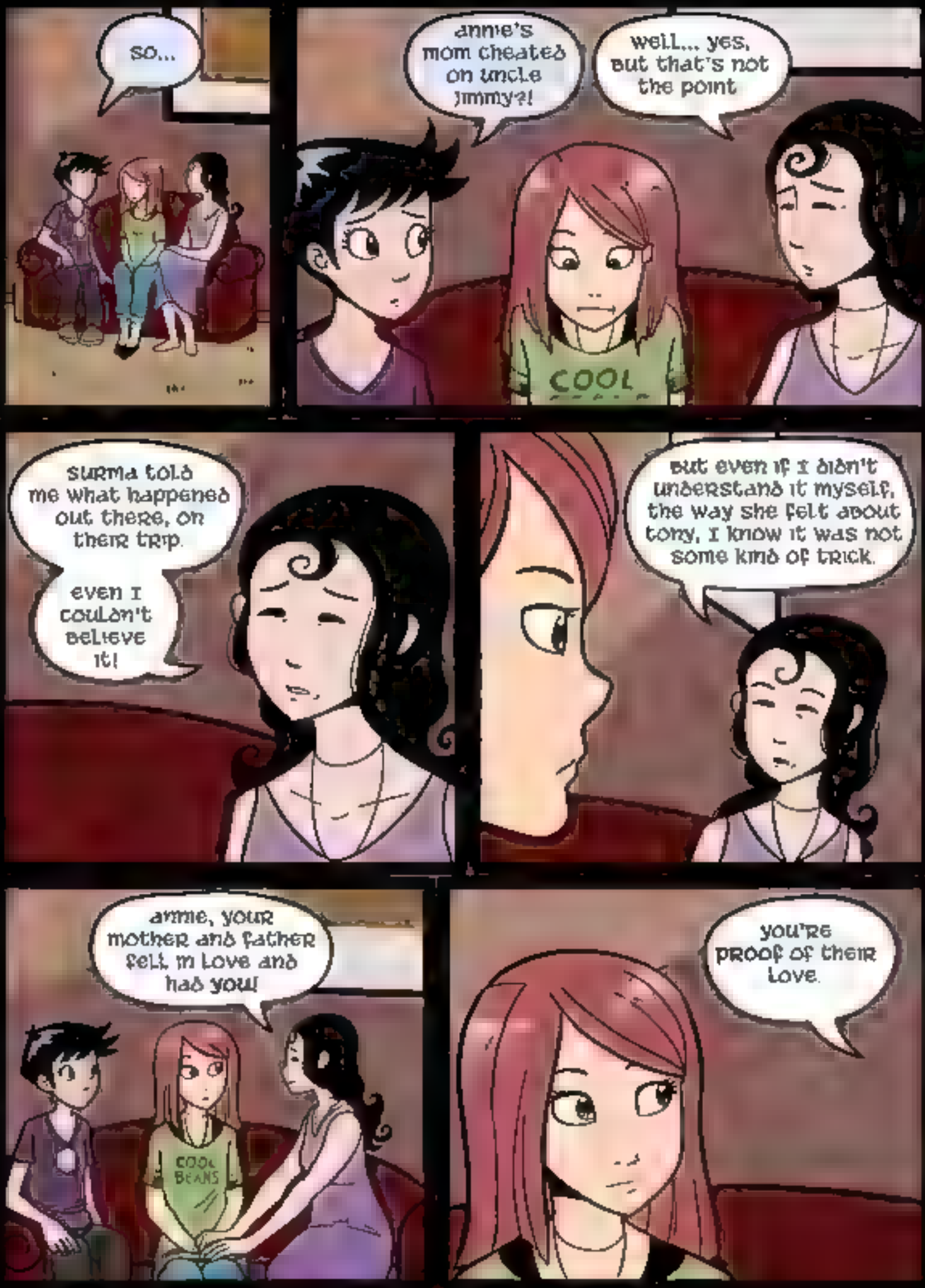
Surma...
what about James?
I'll deal with him.
But when we go back... I'll be like I was before
why are you like that?
I don't know I can't be myself when I'm around more than one person.
then we can find a way to be alone.
together

you.
have got to be joking...
you.
and him?!

What did you do to her?!
don't put this on him, James!
this is my choice!
But... I don't understand!
You were never around!
It just wasn't working anymore!
James, I ~

James!
RRP
James, you step back, right now!
James don't.
just don't.

Click


so...
annie's mom cheated on uncle jimmy?!
well... yes, but that's not the point
COOL
surma told me what happened out there, on their trip.
even I couldn't believe it!
but even if I didn't understand it myself, the way she felt about tony, I know it was not some kind of trick.
annie, your mother and father fell in love and had you!
COOL BEANS
you're proof of their love.

you know, I was really angry when mr. carver wanted to work with me
but in just a few days I was laughing at his jokes and really enjoying myself!
and his work spoke for itself.
you're working with anthony?!
oh what?
oh uh, well,
ah, never mind, never mind.
I know better than to get involved in anthony's affairs.
it's nothing dangerous!
it better not be, young lady!
COOL BEANS

so..
it's true.
my mother and father did love each other.
of course they did, antimony, dear.
but I've been alone with him many times.
COOL BEANS
so why does he act differently for everyone but me?

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Chapter 65:

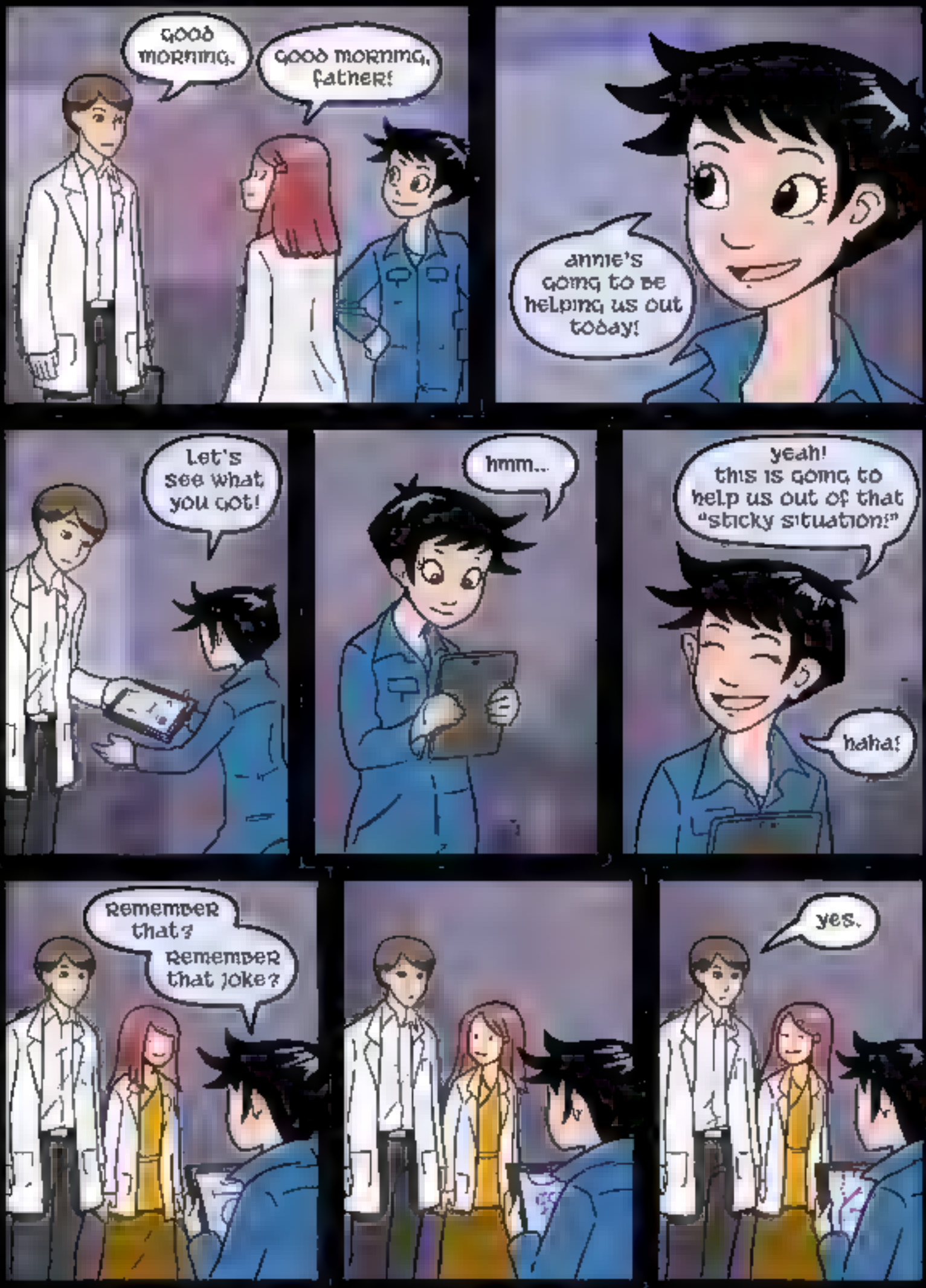
Katurday!

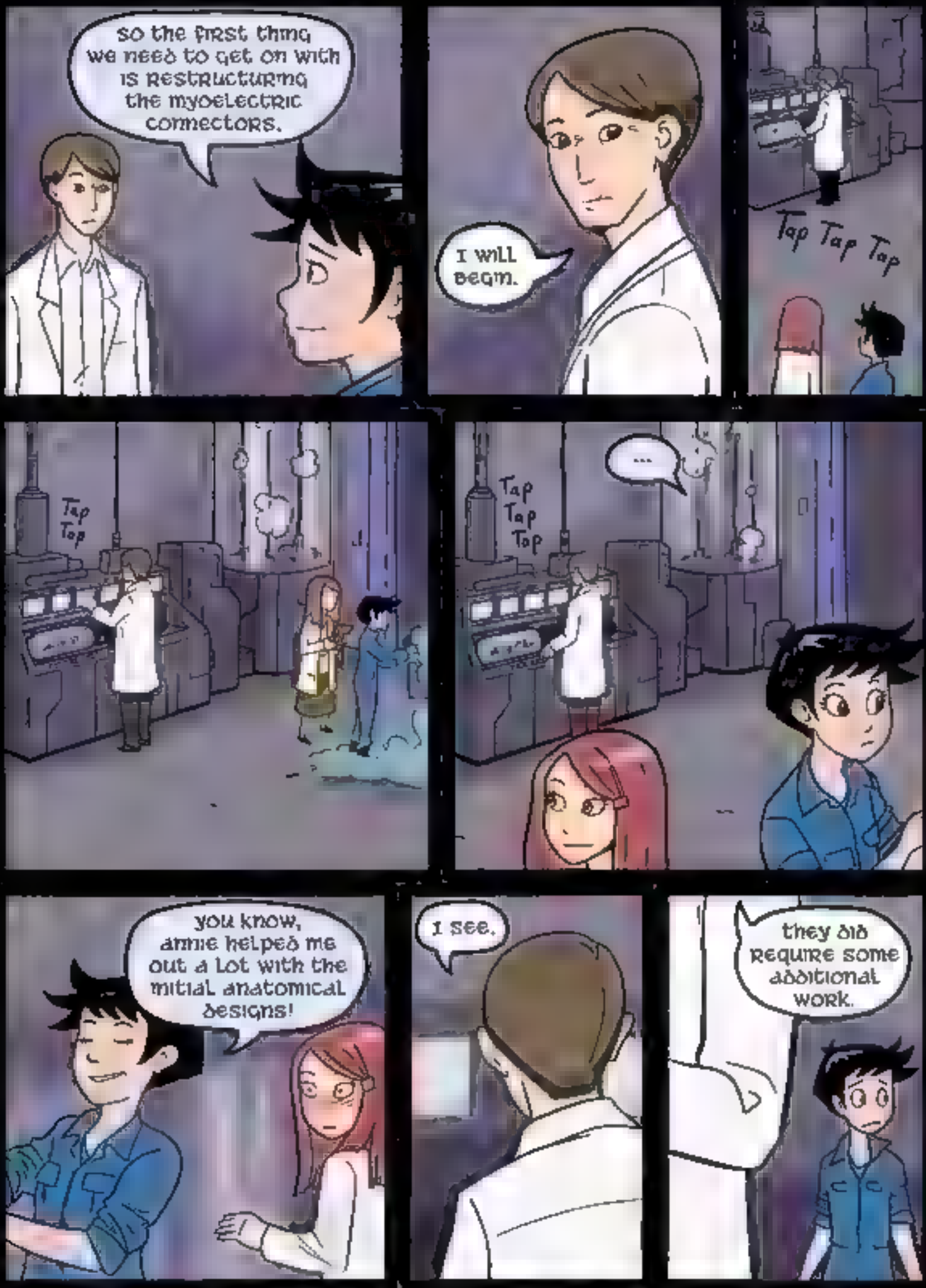
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
SMTWTFS
BEEEーーッ!!

KNock
KNock
ah, good morning, katerina.
the coast should be clear at 3, okay?
don't forget!
I won't.
don't forget!
I won't!

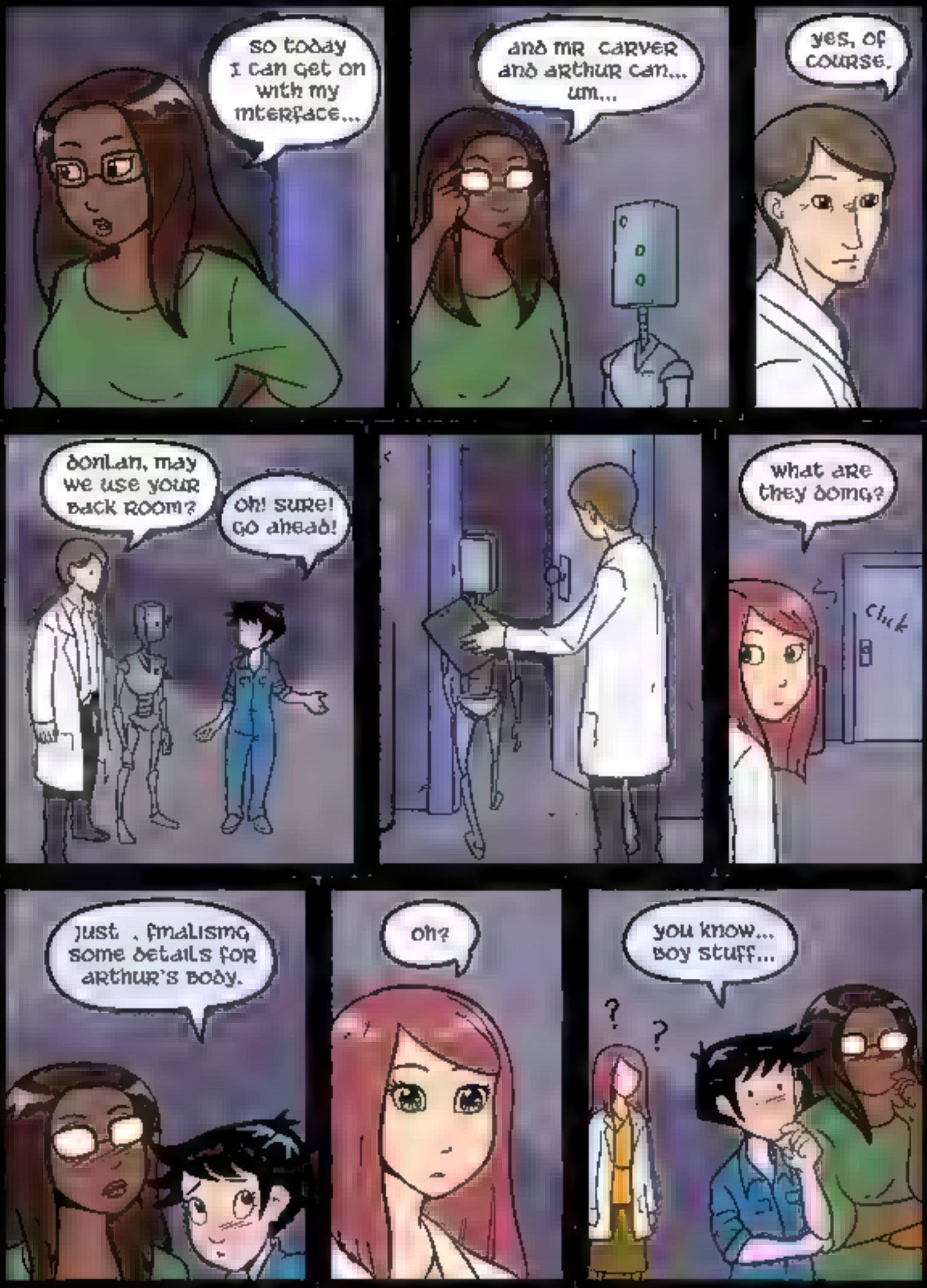
oh!
good idea

morning!
hey, annie!
it's going to be busy today!
i'm nervous!
aw! don't be!
donlan! i made some changes that should help us get ~
oh.


good morning.
good morning, father!
annie's going to be helping us out today!
let's see what you got!
hmm...
yeah! this is going to help us out of that "sticky situation!"
haha!
Remember that?
Remember that joke?
yes.


so the first thing we need to get on with is restructuring the myoelectric connectors.
I will begin.
Tap Tap Tap
Tap Tap
Tap Tap Tap
...
you know, annie helped me out a lot with the initial anatomical designs!
I see.
they did require some additional work.

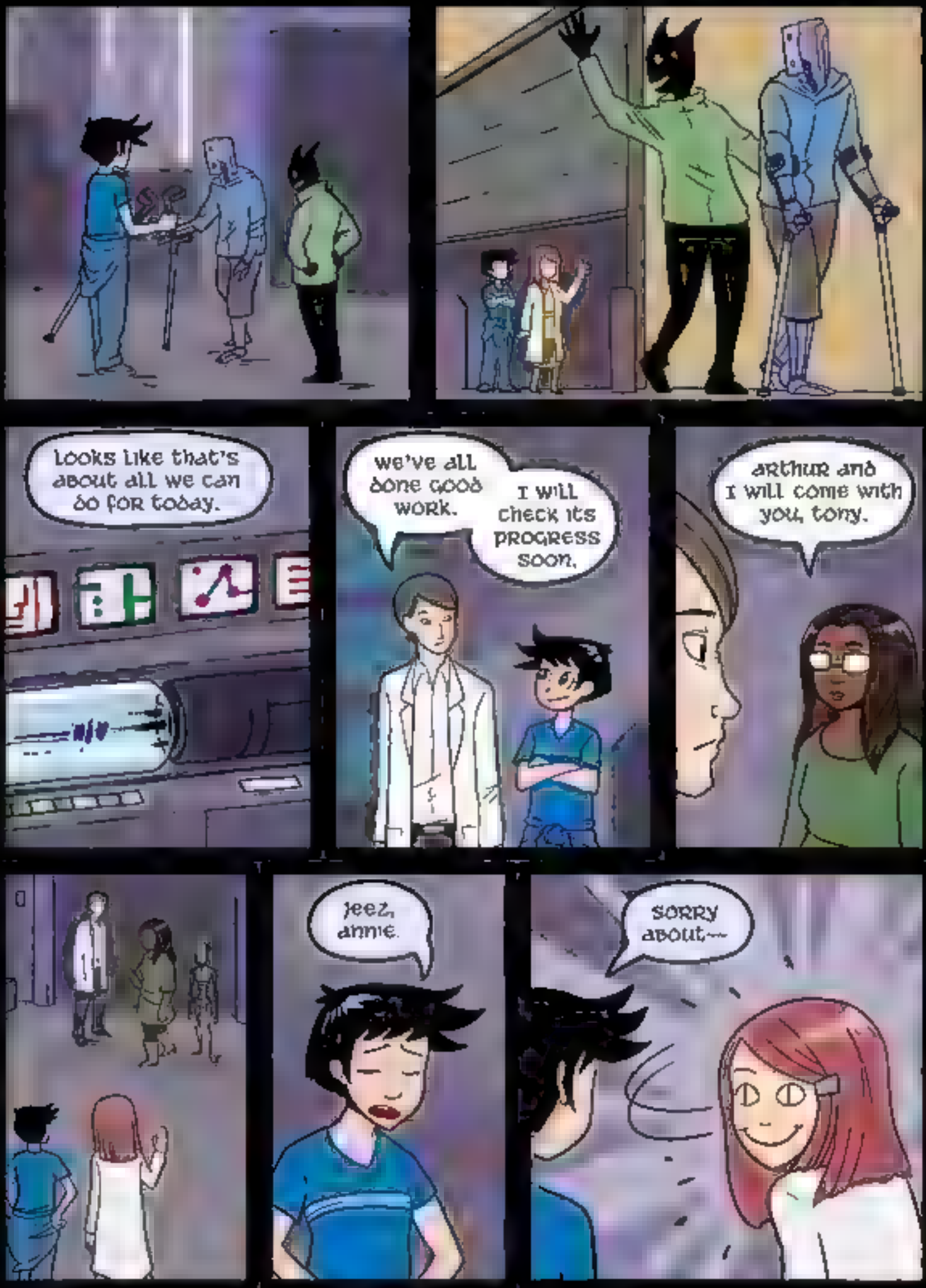
umm.
oh! juliette, arthur!
just in time!
nice to meet you! i'm antimony.
yes, we sort of met, briefly.


so today I can get on with my interface...
and mr carver and arthur can... um...
yes, of course.
donlan, may we use your back room?
oh! sure! go ahead!
what are they doing?
Click
just finalising some details for arthur's body.
oh?
you know... boy stuff...
? ?

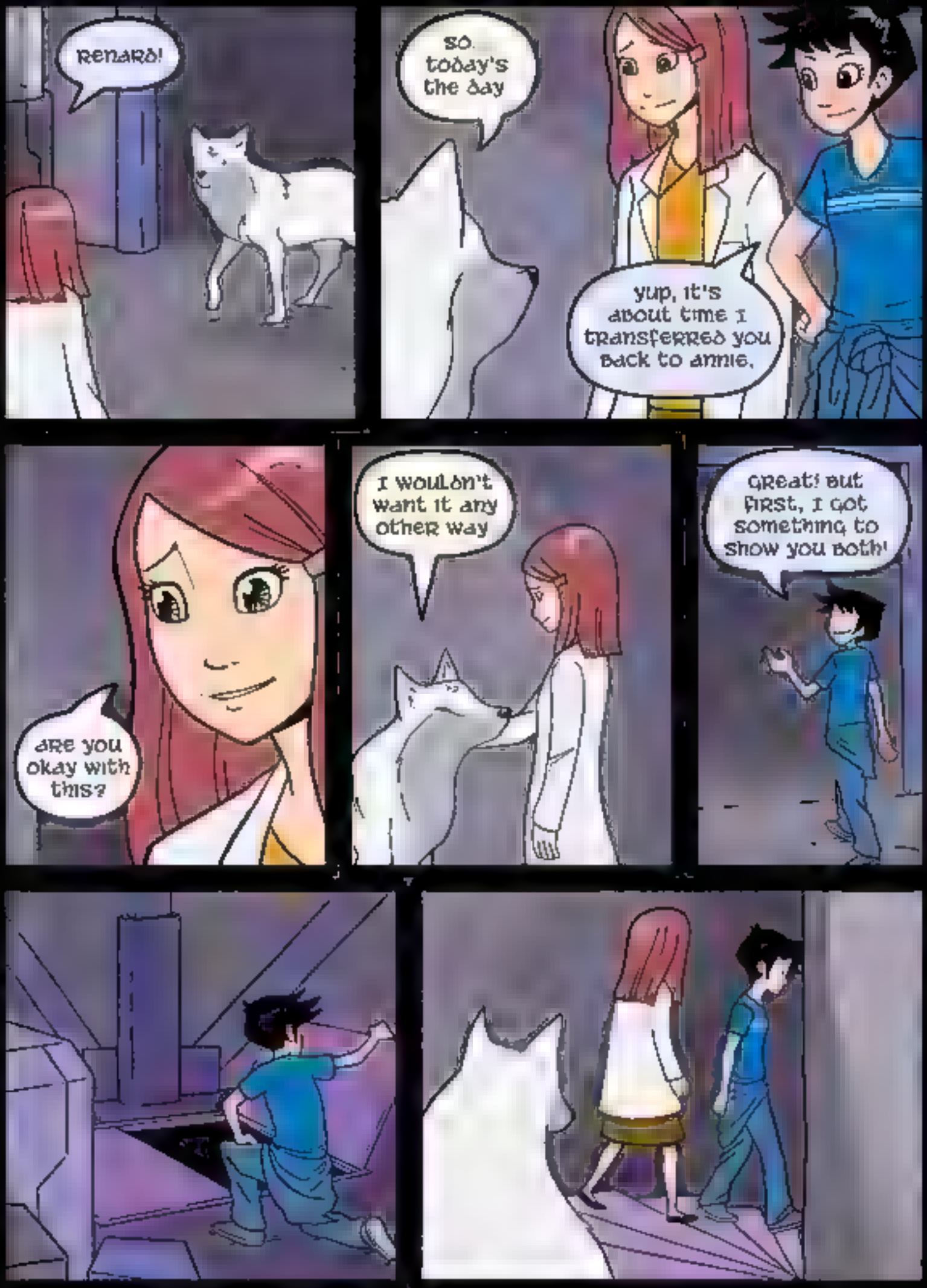
TIME PASSES
WORDLESS HANDSHAKE
hello hello!

hey guys!
!
ack!
don't worry, it's okay, it's okay!
mr. carver knows about you, shadow!
h-h!...
hello.
so robot, how's your progress?
very good, ms. kat.
he's been doing great!

Let's show 'em, ROBOT!
that's it!
well done!
way to go!
exceptional.


looks like that's about all we can do for today.
we've all done good work.
I will check its progress soon.
arthur and I will come with you, tony.
jeez, annie.
sorry about---

kat, that was the first time I've ever really worked with my father!
well, he really is different when there are other people here...
I figured that might be the case since juliette was coming over, but I didn't expect it to be so awkward...
but didn't you hear? he said we all did good work!
that includes me too!
kat, I'm so happy!
thank you for inviting me here today!
haha, that's okay!
but don't forget we have one more thing to do!


RENARD!
SO. TODAY'S THE DAY
YUP, IT'S ABOUT TIME I TRANSFERRED YOU BACK TO ANNIE.
ARE YOU OKAY WITH THIS?
I WOULDN'T WANT IT ANY OTHER WAY
GREAT! BUT FIRST, I GOT SOMETHING TO SHOW YOU BOTH!

I'm building a computer!

Look, watch this!
Tk Tk Tk
VMMM
haha! tadaa!
you can make things appear out of thin air?!
well, it's more complicated than that, and it's extremely limited...
but yeah, kinda!
my mom gave me her notes on matter transference and it's just one of the features I want to fully implement in my computer!

and speaking of features, I need you two to help with something!
SHFFF
Is that... the arrow?!
yeah! when I transfer renard back to you, annie, I want to use the computer as a proxy.
but, is that not dangrous?!
no! you won't feel anything or even notice anything different!
then what the devil do you need to do this for?
I'm guessing this "ownership" thing you got going on works in a similar way to the arrow, so I wanted to observe what happens during the transfer

but the arrow was used to entrap two poor souls in torment for all time!
well I won't be doing that!
jeez!
but I wanted to make something similar to the eye symbol my mom made
kat!
you what?!
no no! I won't use it on you!
no way!
In fact, I know it's painful when it's used to restrain you.
It certainly is!
and this could help figure out why.

anyway, I just need you both to hold these.
and one for me!
don't worry, it's perfectly safe!
I'm not so sure about this...
Tk Tk Tk
okay, annie, I'm giving renard back to you now.

BEEP
there. all done!
that's it?!
told you it would be fine!
Renard, I'm sorry this took so long!
ha! It's good to be back!
DECRYPT
Great! I got a lot of stuff to work with, here.

So I'll be adding more features as I develop it, and I should be able to access it remotely!
Which means I'll be able to transfer matter to different locations!
that's gonna be super valuable for our work on robot and Arthur's bodies!
Katerma, congratulations on becoming a wizard with magical abilities.
It's not magic!
It does sound like magic, doesn't it!
It does it really does.
Guys!

KNOCK KNOCK
hey, MARGO!
IS PAZ IN?
no, she's not here right now, I'm not sure where she went.
NO WORRIES!
oh, kat! could you take a look at my laptop? it's all screwy!
haha, sure!
#!#

thank you soooo much, kat!
no worries!
yeesh, busy day!
huh?

Paz! I didn't know you were here!
I've been busy all day so I'm looking forward to just relaxing and ~
A VIDEO

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Chapter 66:

Memories of the Worthless

HATE THEM
HATE THEM
HATE THEM

what do you think, ysengrin?
hmm?
oh...
whatever you decide, antimony.
it will be the right decision.
Heh!

Ysengrim, If I gave you one of my powers, which would you want?
your strength.
Which of my powers would you choose to have, Ysengrim?
your strength.

Ysengrin, if you could have one of my powers, which would you choose?
your strength
your strength
your strength
your strength
your strength.
your strength
what would you do with my strength?
I would show the humans how weak they truly are
hehe.

I said GO! CROSS the RIVER!

GRRR...
hehe!
you've always known the river was impossible to cross.
and yet now...
ah, ysengrin, what would you do if you knew the ghost of the arman waters was gone?

It's taken me so many years to temper the rage inside you, Ysengrm.
perhaps the time has come .
and I think that about wraps that all up!
ahem!
then we should head back.

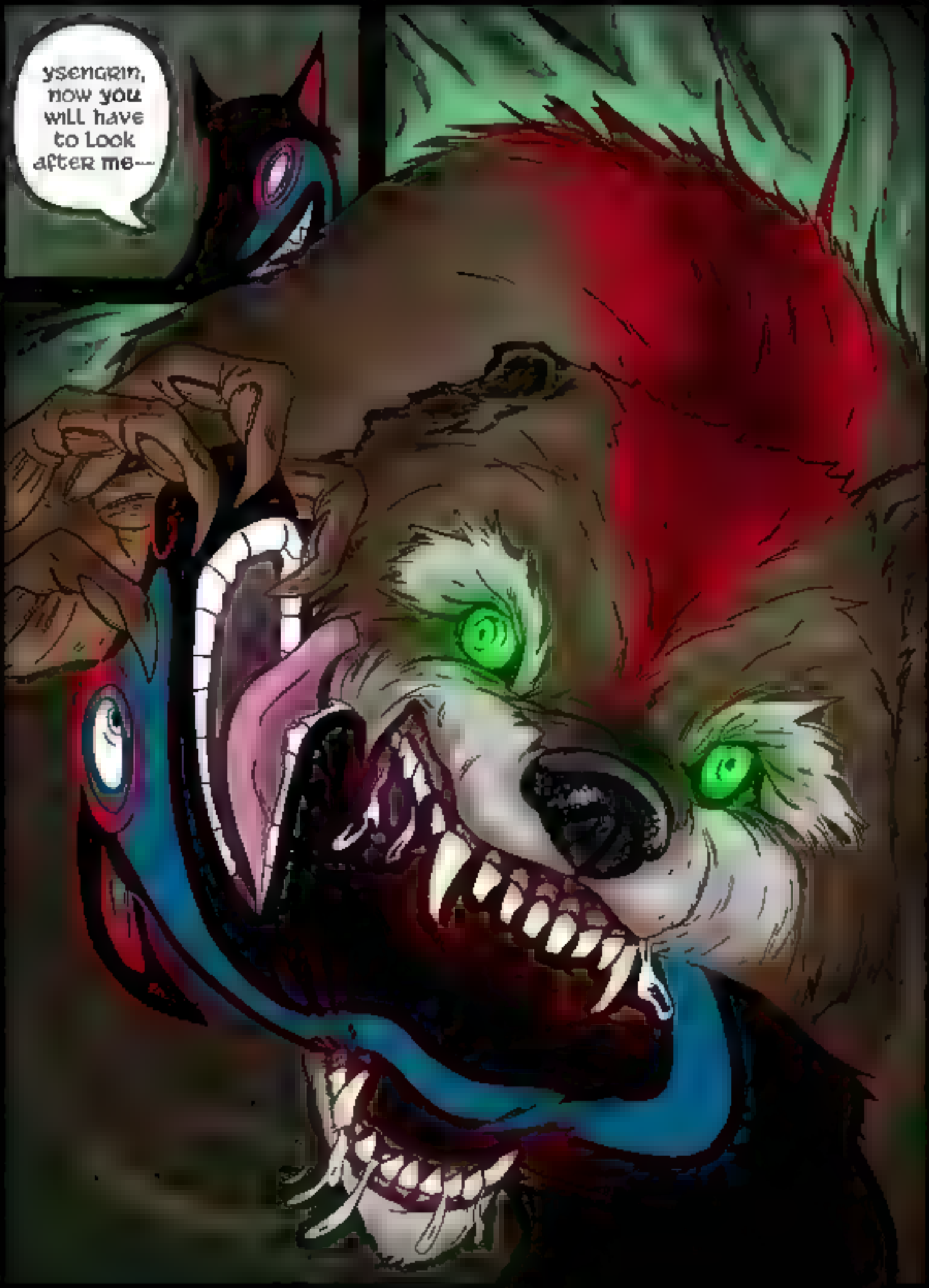
Before you leave, friends, I have an announcement!
It is time for me to give Ysengrin something very special
Ysengrin, you were always a wild beast, but in these last few years I have seen how attached you have become to our young fire head girl.
she has truly been a calming influence on you, and a welcome member of the forest's family.
and so, in return for how you have grown, I have decided to give you...
my strength.

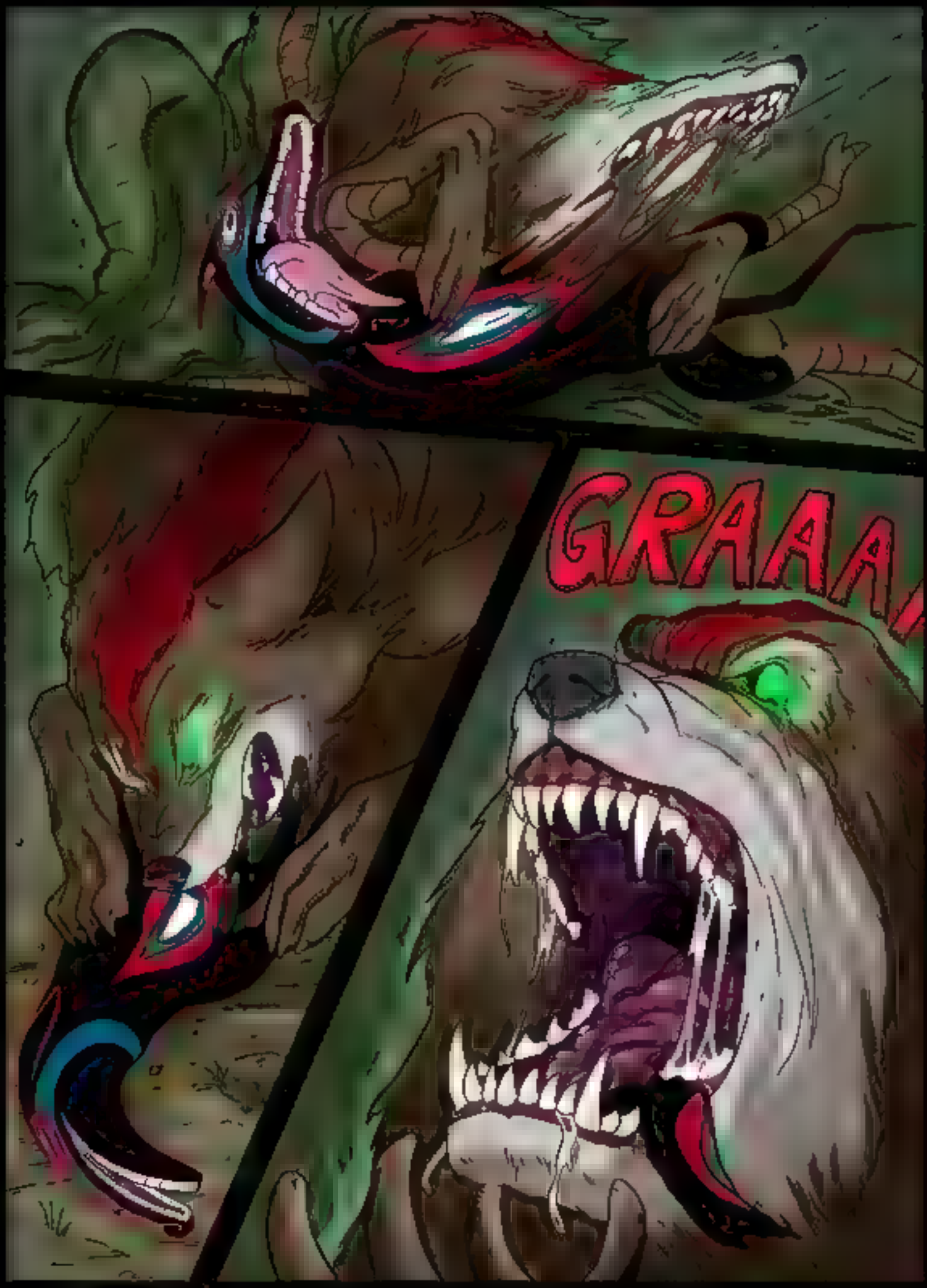
do you accept it, ysengrin?
I...
I do.
coyote, why are you doing this now?
WINK

RRRRRRIP

this is my strength.
and now it is yours.

ah, lovely, lovely.

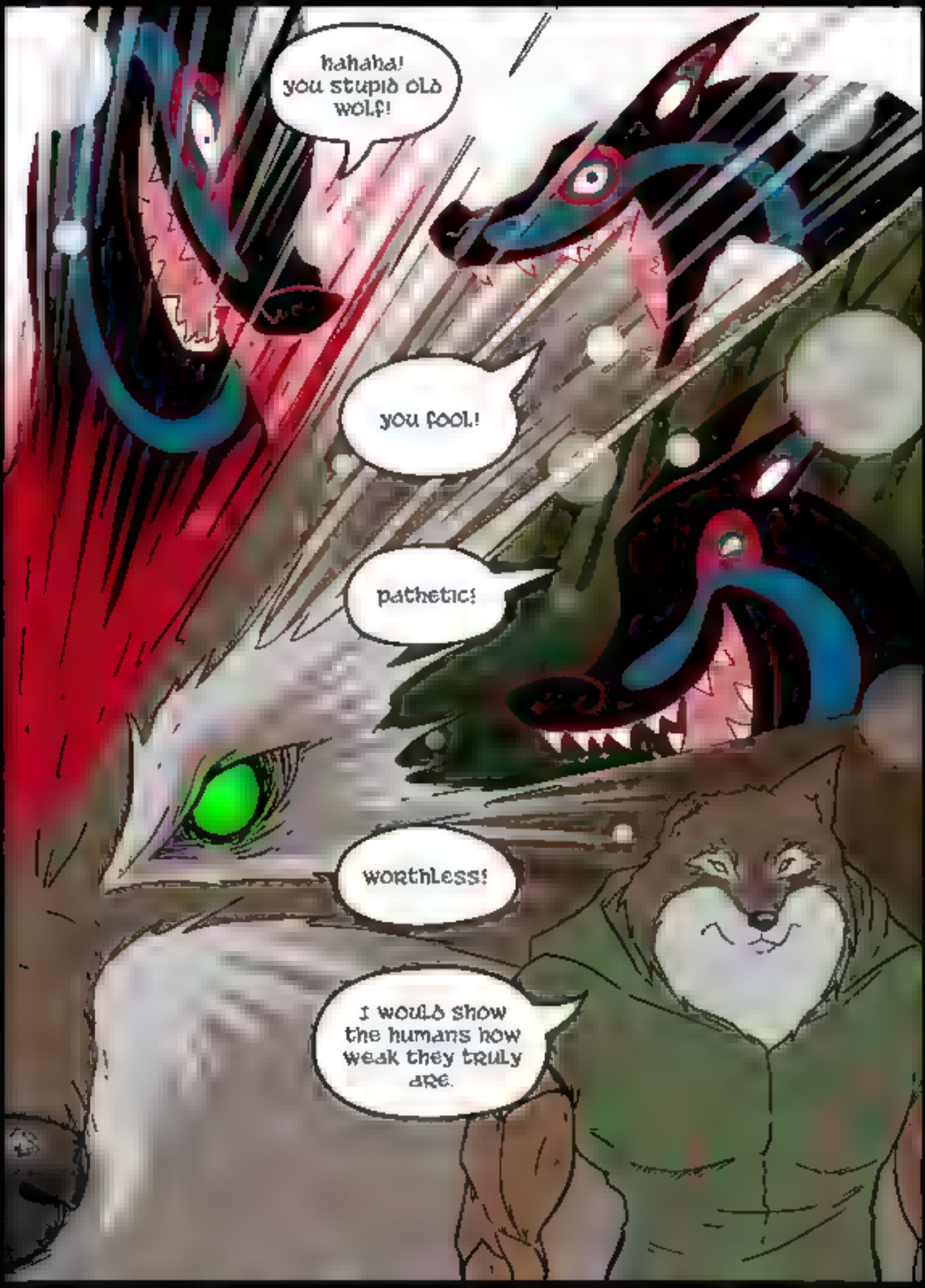

ysengrin, now you will have to look after me---


GRAAA

ysenqrm!
ysenqrm! what have you done?

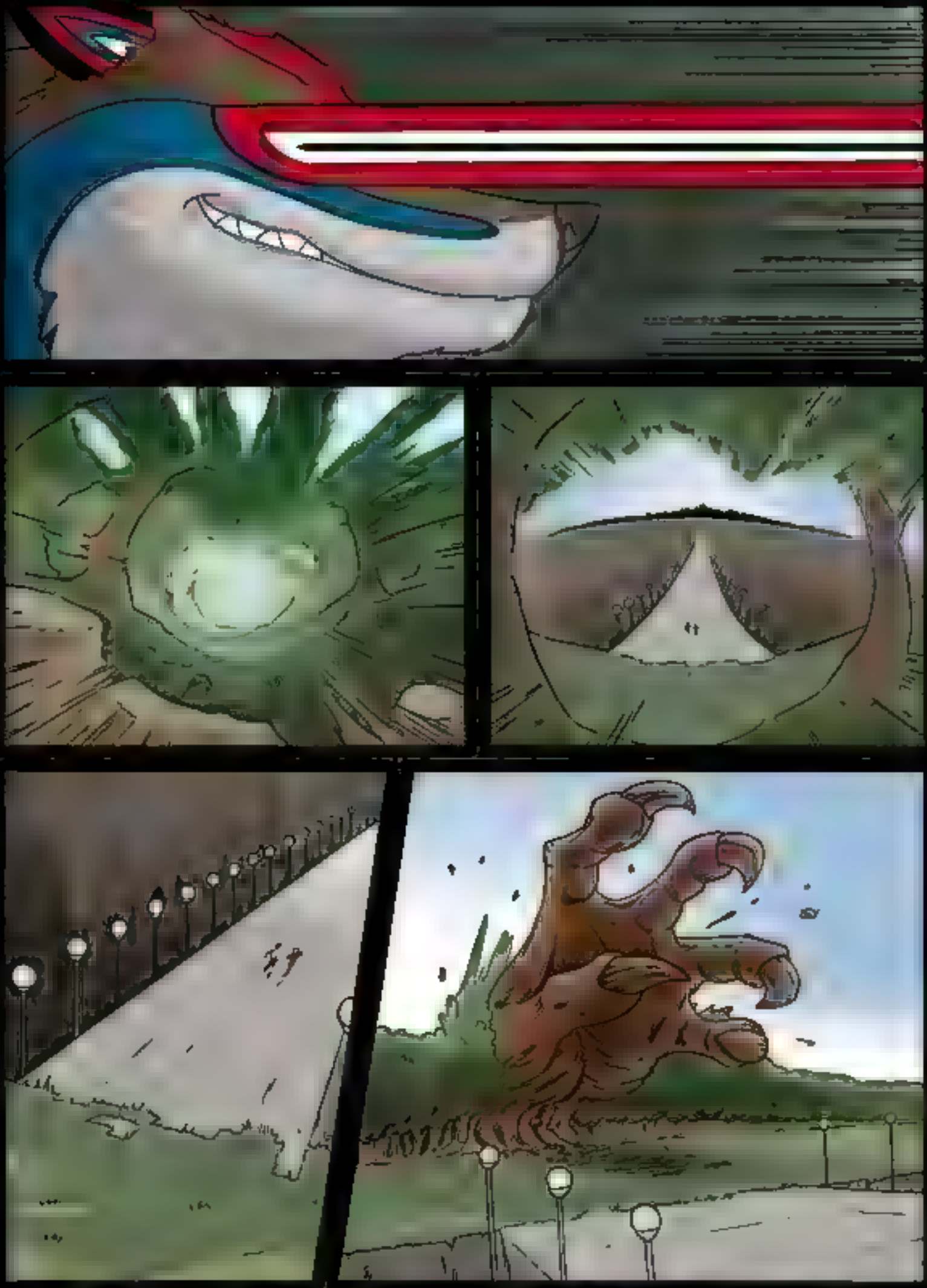
a - annie..
we need to get out of here...

Is this really happening?!
did he just kill coyote?!
I - I've seen him angry before, but never like this!

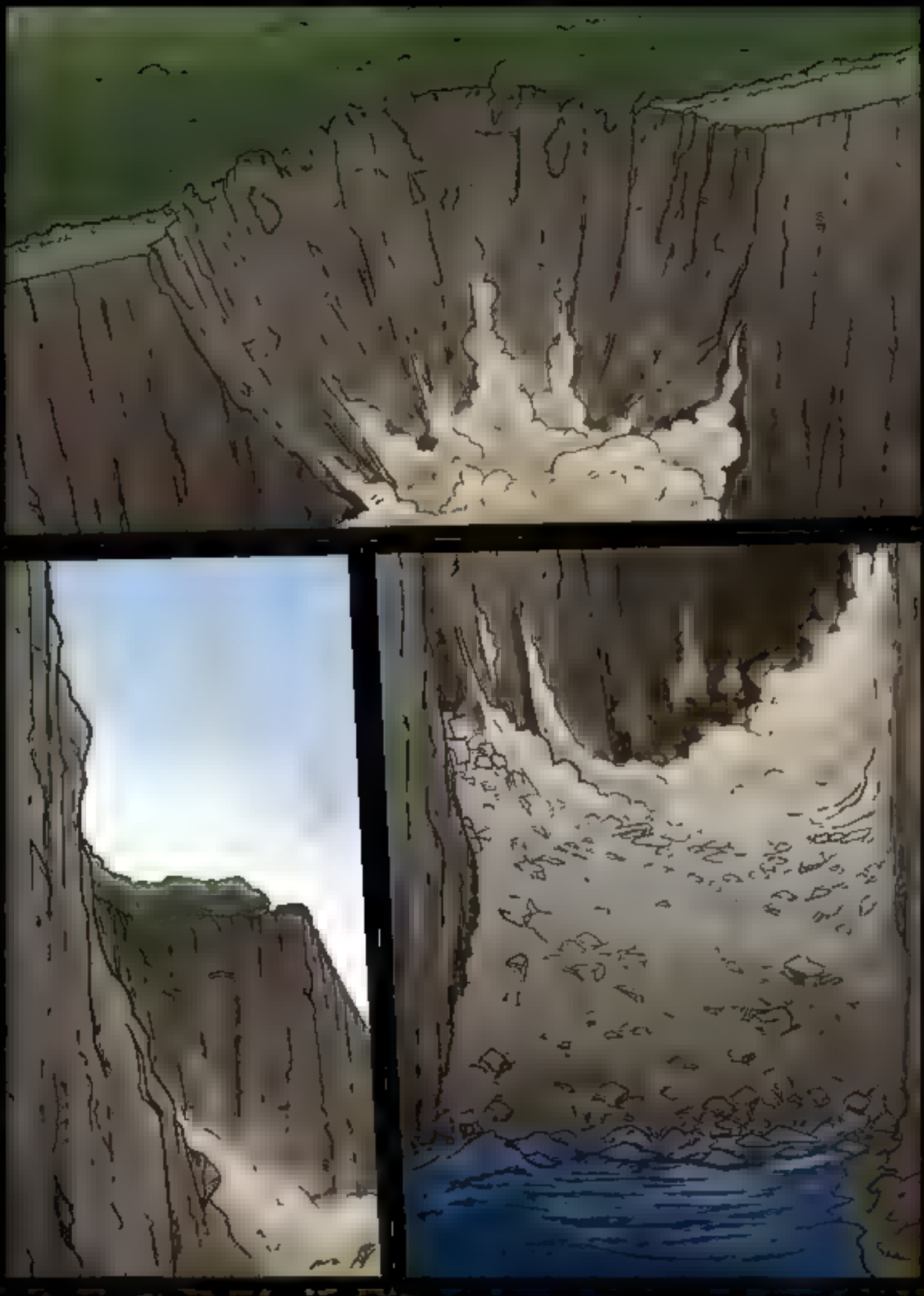

hahaha! you stupid old wolf!
you fool!
pathetic!
worthless!
I would show the humans how weak they truly are.

the river...
!o!
GULP

FLASH



CRASH



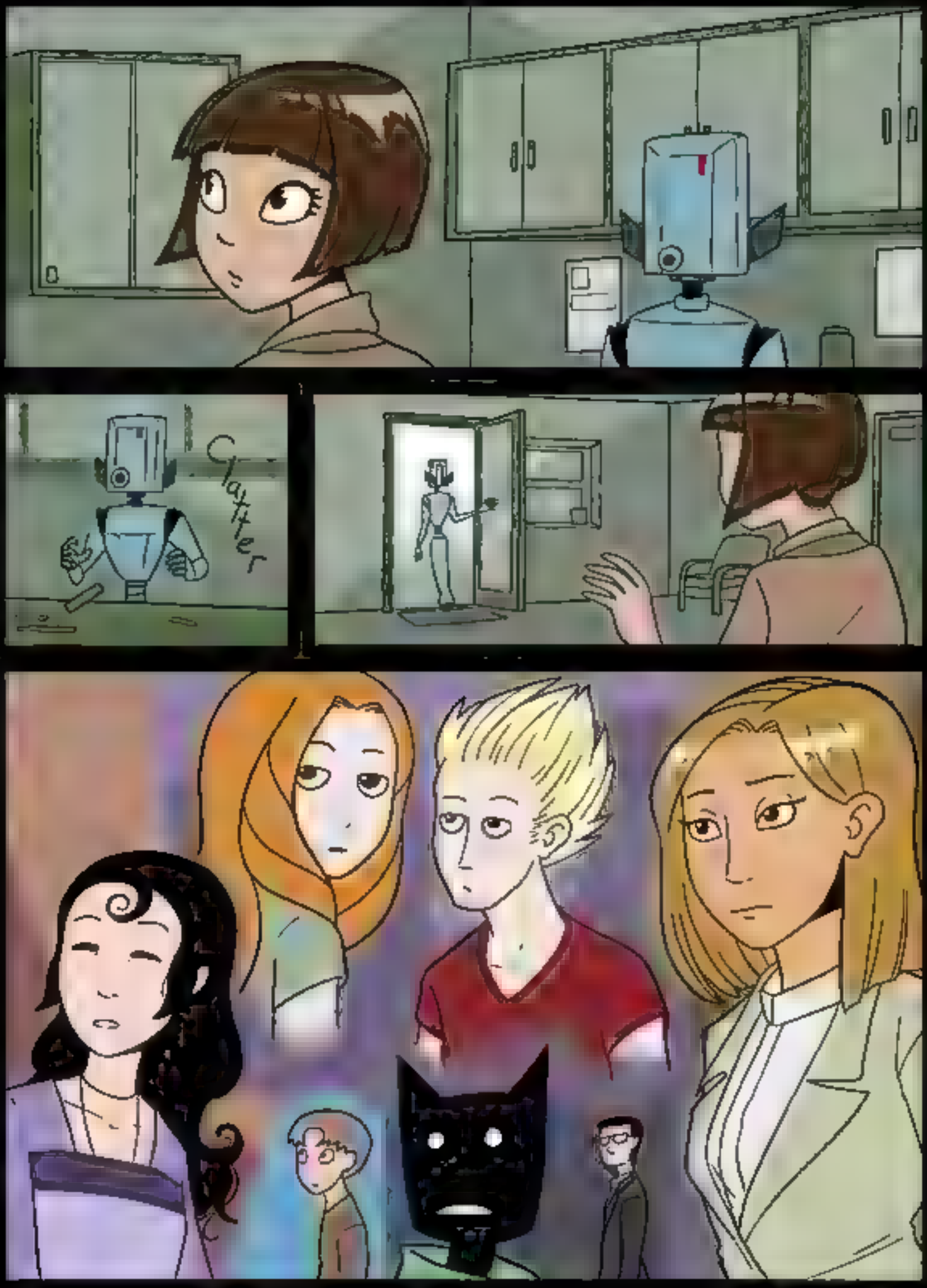
ah yes,
of course!
RATTLE

BOOM

CREAK
RUMBLE
?

RUMBLE
RATTLE
RATTLE

what the heck?
the forest isn't in that direction...
huh?
uh... hey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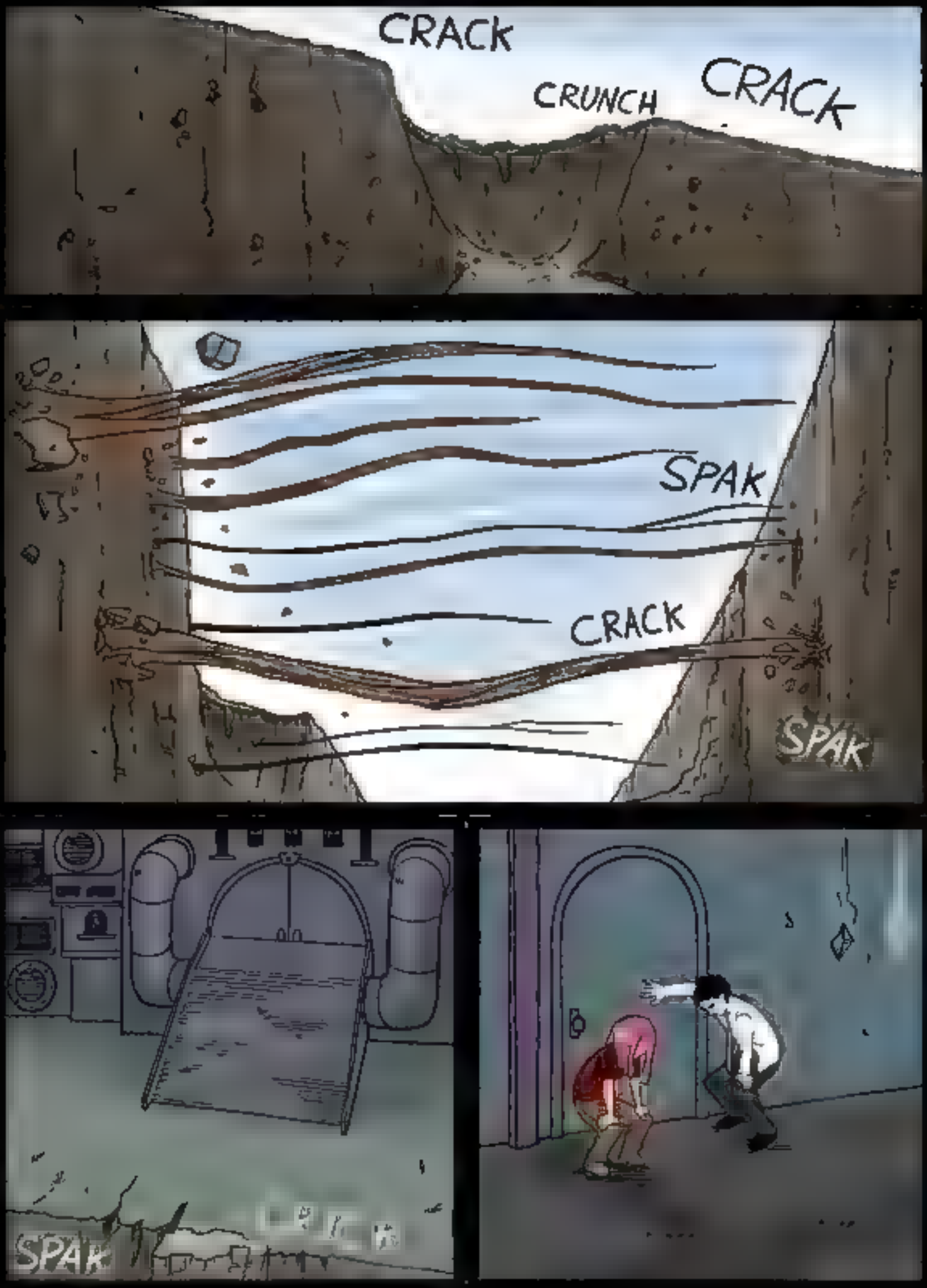

CRACK
CRUNCH
CRACK
SPAK
CRACK
SPAK
SPAK

don't - don't you have the beacon eglamore gave you?!
no! I don't think I'd need it since he's away training with parley!
It's in my room!
you go get it and bring them both back!
I have to go tell admin what's happening!
right!

oh, coyote.
coyote, coyote.
this s what you should have been.
this is what your power could do.
SWIPE
CRASH

BOOM
BOOM
no...
this is only a fraction.

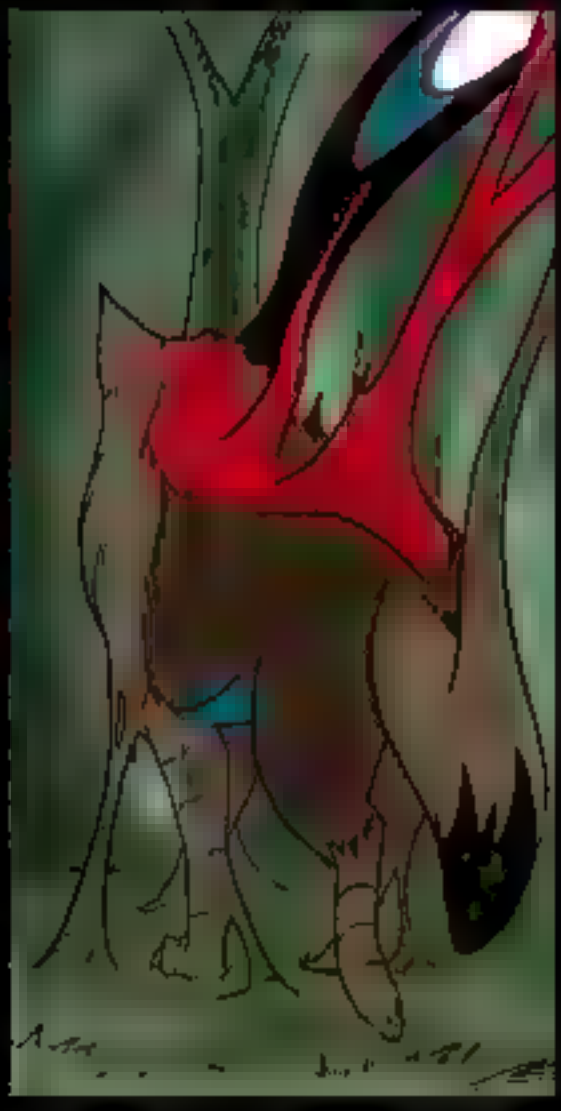
PUMBLE
antimony! what the devil is going on?!
Snatch
SNAP
c'mon c'mon...

ZAM
annie... did you just try to zap eglamore into your room? haha!
no time to imply I did the same embarrassing thing you did with andrew! take us all outside!
Bip

BOOM
ysengrm .. killed coyote!
I think he has his powers now!
parley, get to el!
Nod
POW!
so... it finally happened.

SPRANG

heh



you must be joking.

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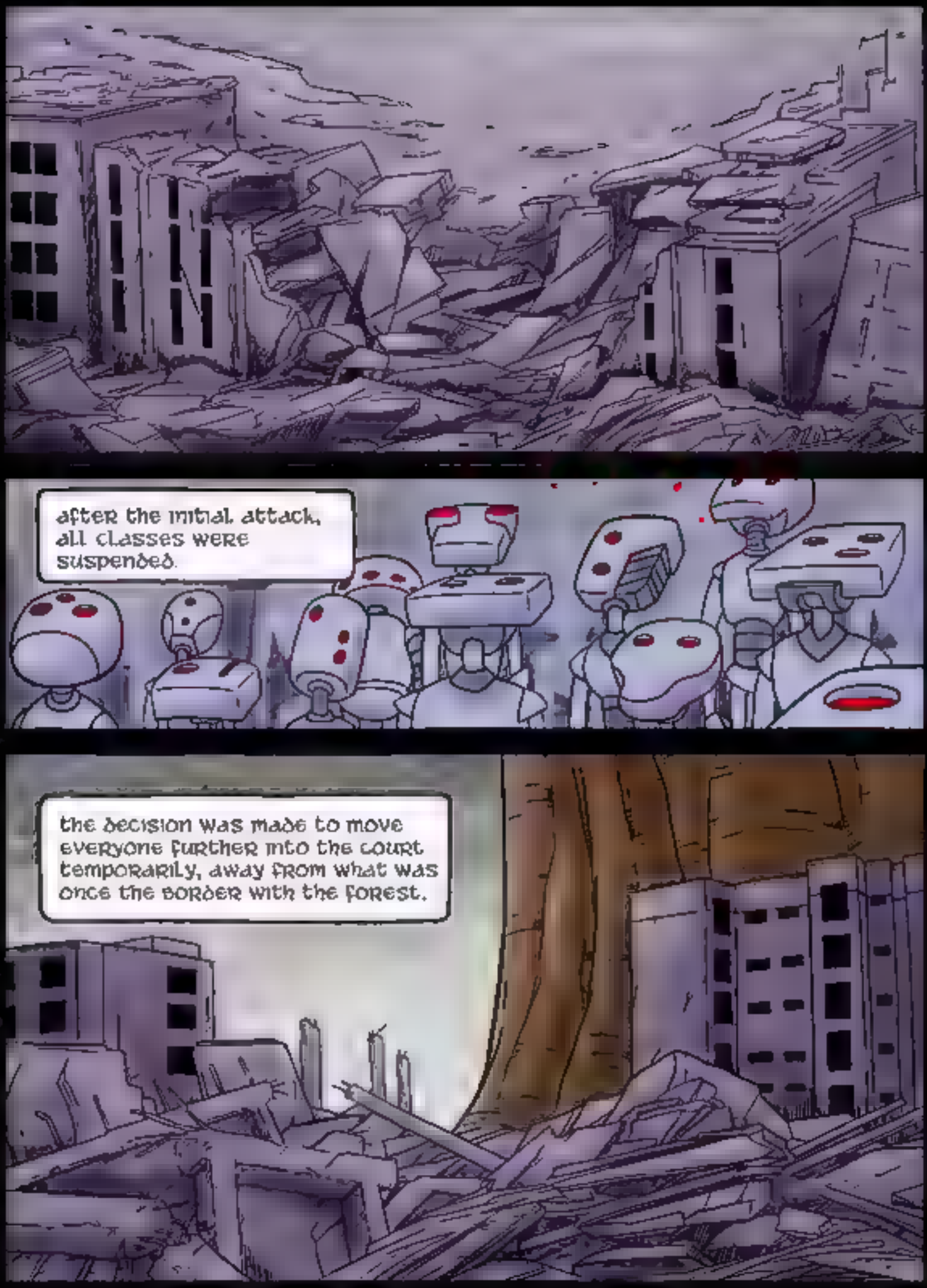
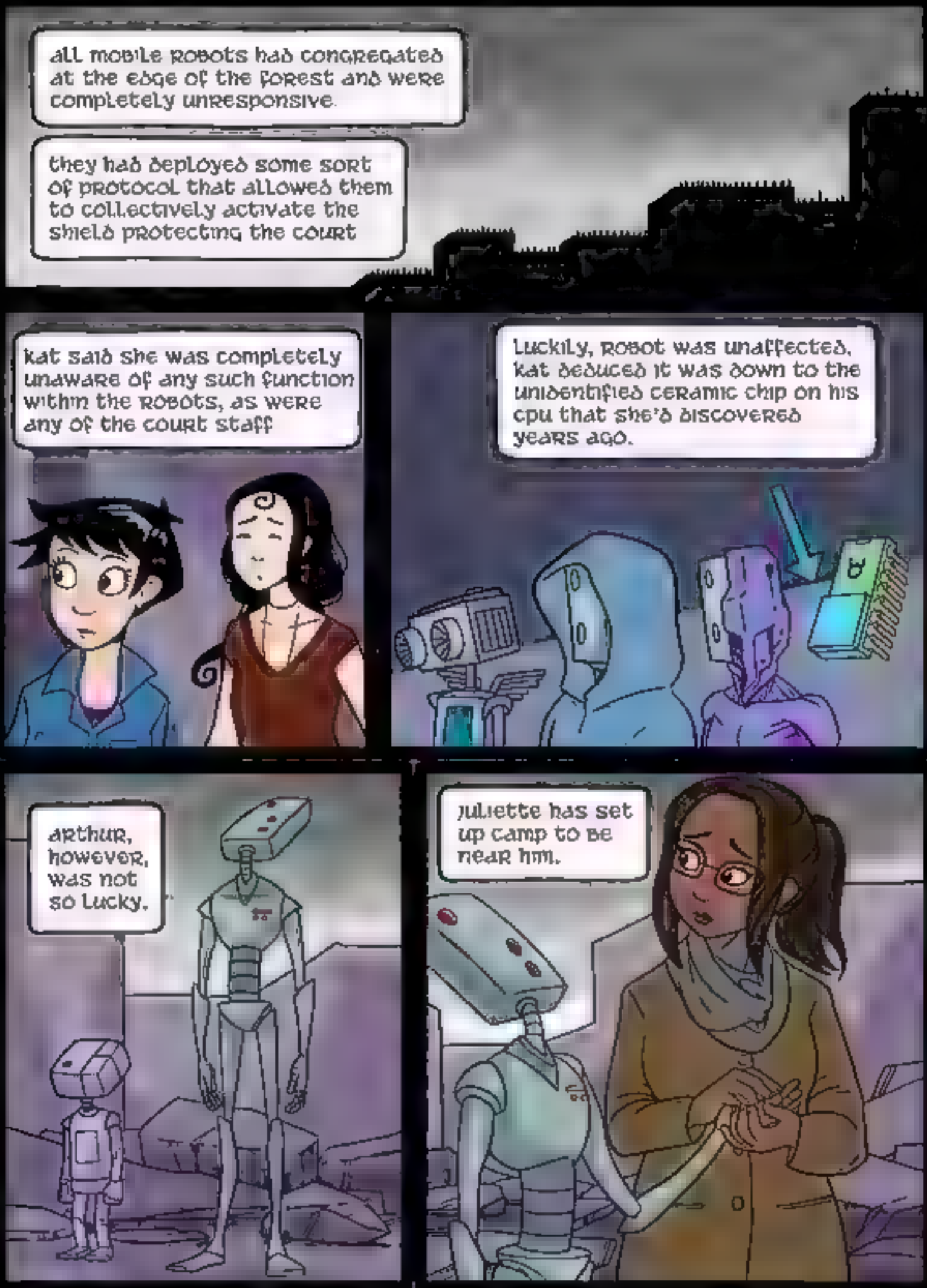
Chapter 67:

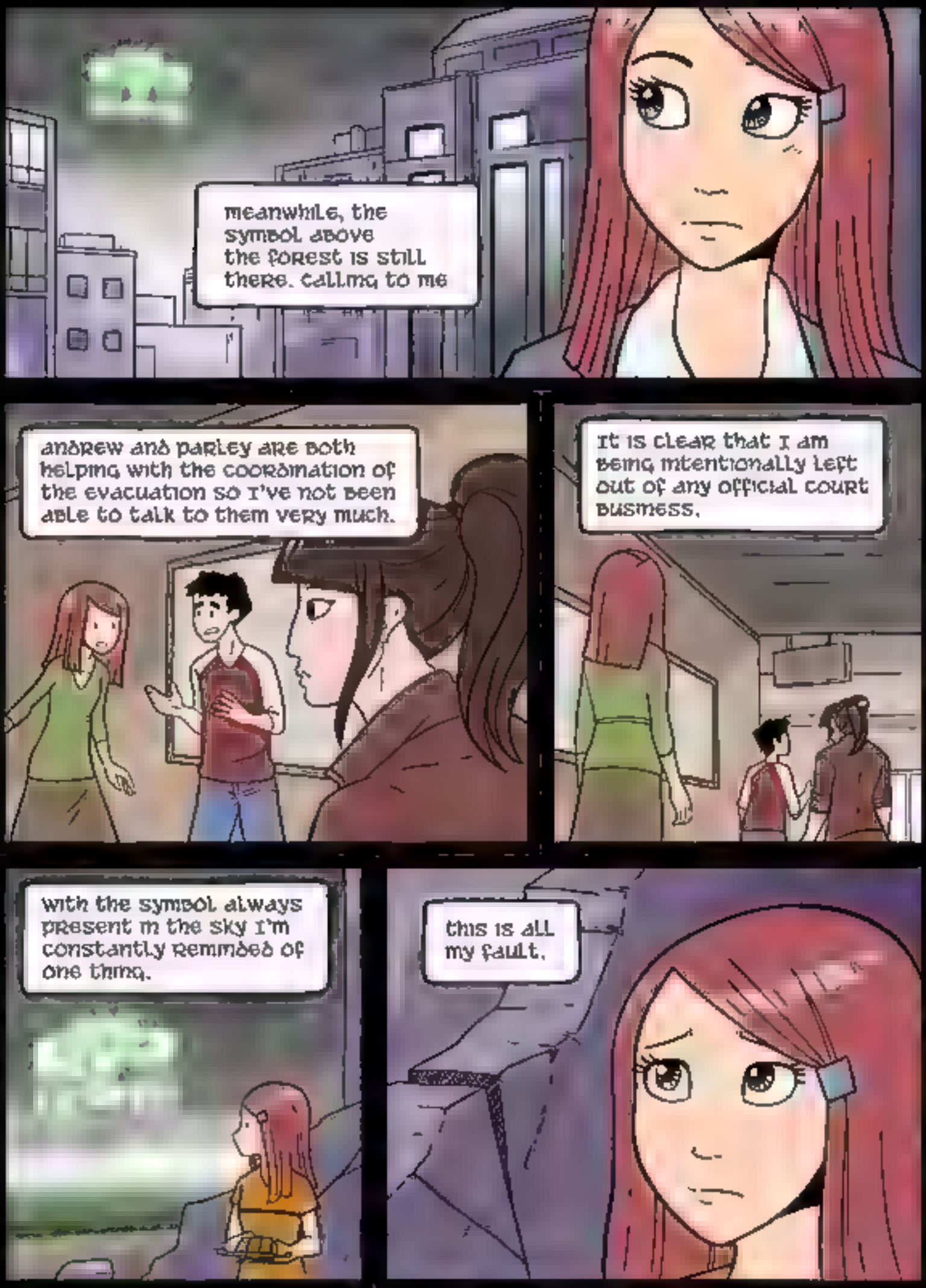
Evac


after the initial attack, all classes were suspended.
the decision was made to move everyone further into the court temporarily, away from what was once the border with the forest.

power has been cut off to large sections of the court.
students and staff alike travelled together, following an evacuation procedure seemingly set in place for exactly this sort of incident
they carried essential belongings to the nearest powered train that would take them towards the coast


all mobile robots had congregated at the edge of the forest and were completely unresponsive.
they had deployed some sort of protocol that allowed them to collectively activate the shield protecting the court
kat said she was completely unaware of any such function within the robots, as were any of the court staff
luckily, robot was unaffected. kat deduced it was down to the unidentified ceramic chip on his cpu that she'd discovered years ago.
arthur, however, was not so lucky.
juliette has set up camp to be near him.

kat was about to lose her workshop, since it was very near one of the affected areas.
my father was able to intervene and prevent her from having to abandon it
his influence was enough to keep even the shadow men away
robot and shadow are currently sheltering there.
with power still uninterrupted kat is able to continue her work and offer assistance to juliette.


meanwhile, the symbol above the forest is still there. calling to me
andrew and parley are both helping with the coordination of the evacuation so I've not been able to talk to them very much.
It is clear that I am being intentionally left out of any official court business.
with the symbol always present in the sky I'm constantly reminded of one thing.
this is all my fault.

annie!
come on, annie, throw it!
oh..
NNNN
well, it looks like stuff can pass in and out of the barrier
see, it registers as something being allowed through

you're not thinking of going in there, are you?
kat, this all happened because of what I did.
you don't know that!
helping jeanne was the right thing to do!
you said yourself this all happened after ysengrin attacked coyote.
that didn't have anything to do with jeanne!

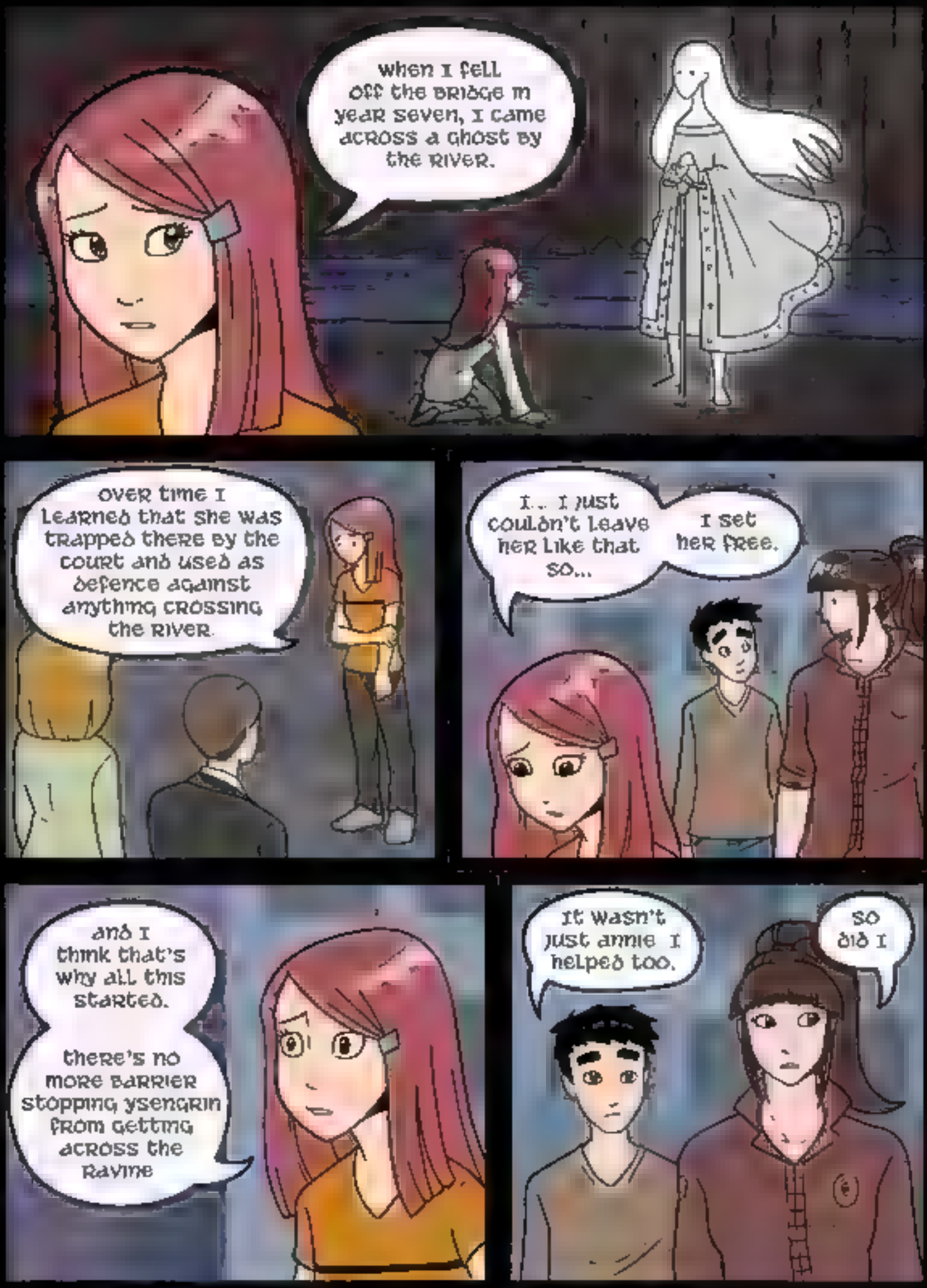
ah, tony. any word?
casualty rescue is well under way
with the robots out of commission work is much slower, but reports of injury are minimal.
and... the shield?
no information it seems the protocol was installed in the robots in secret.
katerina, your mother is extremely angry that her shielding technology was used without her knowledge.
that it was able to withstand a direct attack from coyote is very impressive.
the distributed nature over many units must have boosted-
-sob-

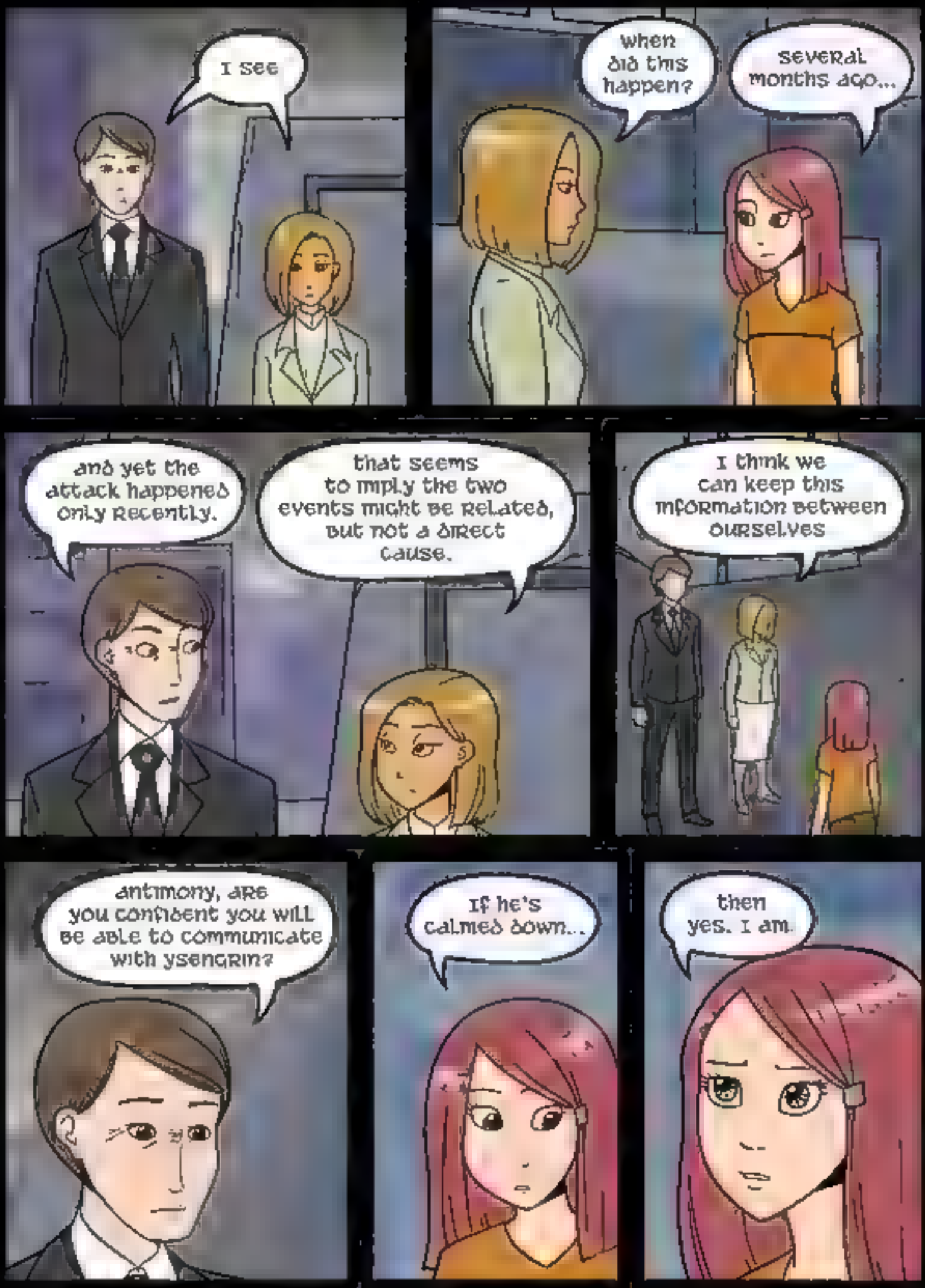
Juliette... I'm sorry, that was insensitive
So they're just going to leave them?!
Arthur is more than just a distributed unit!
all the work he's done for the court!
Julie... we'll figure it out!
we already know Arthur's mind is safe.
with the shield up, it's like he's sleeping.
In fact, I'm certain that we can still work on getting his mind transferred to his new body!
there have also been reports of forest creatures who might have entered the court before the barrier was used.
!
It's not safe to stay in this area...
I'm not leaving Arthur!

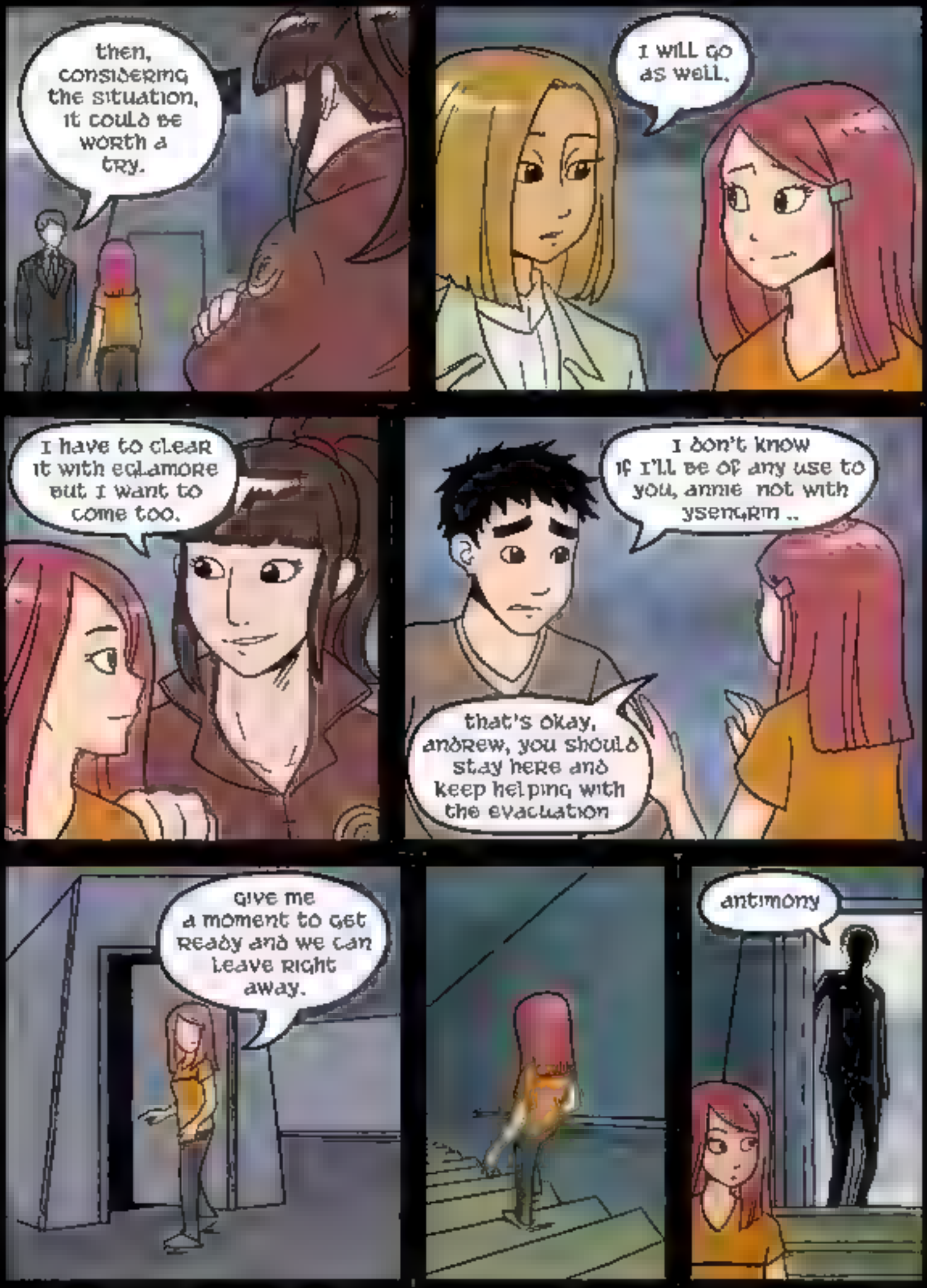
there are forest creatures inside the barrier?
I have to respond to ysengrin!
I could be the only one that can talk some sense into him!
annie! It's too dangerous!
I agree.
you see? it's just~
I mean that I agree antimony should go into the forest.
but not without support

RRRR
RRRRR
I'm going to check up with andrew.
Right.
Bip

here she is.
Bip
oh, uh, hi.
georgie, anme wants to go mto the forest.
ah . I was afraid you might.
you were about to tell us something, antimony?
yes ..
this all happened because of something I did.


when I fell off the bridge in year seven, I came across a ghost by the river.
over time I learned that she was trapped there by the court and used as defence against anything crossing the river.
I... I just couldn't leave her like that so...
I set her free.
and I think that's why all this started.
there's no more barrier stopping ysengrin from getting across the ravine
It wasn't just annie I helped too.
so did I


I see
when did this happen?
several months ago...
and yet the attack happened only recently.
that seems to imply the two events might be related, but not a direct cause.
I think we can keep this information between ourselves
antimony, are you confident you will be able to communicate with ysengrin?
if he's calmed down...
then yes. I am.


then, considering the situation, it could be worth a try.
I will go as well.
I have to clear it with eclamore but I want to come too.
I don't know if I'll be of any use to you, annie not with ysengrm ..
that's okay, andrew, you should stay here and keep helping with the evacuation
give me a moment to get ready and we can leave right away.
antimony

have you received your evacuation order?
I have, yes
as have I.
In the interest of safety, you could live with me once you return.
If you would prefer
I think I would prefer that, yes
Very well.

CARVER!
you're sending annie into the forest?!
how could you?!
I am not sending her. She made the request.
anthony and I both agree with the plan, james.
that's not the point!
when you came back you didn't even let her go into the forest until coyote forced you!
now you're sending her in there without a second thought?!

I trust antimony knows what she is doing.
I stopped her from going into the forest when I returned because I was unaware of the work she had done there.
after the incident with coyote I carefully studied the reports on her history with the forest and the facts changed my mind.
she is the only qualified person to go there, in my opinion
but we don't even know what she'll be walking in to!
whatever it may be, antimony will face it.

you've seen what ysengrin did to the court!
It's too dangerous!
I want to give antimony the chance to help in her own way, instead of hiding here in the rubble
with jones and miss parley there, I'm sure she will have the support she needs.
that's the thing! with reports of forest creatures inside the barrier, I need parley here!
that's fine with me.
parley should stay and help
either way, I'm going.

parley, we need to start the sweep of sector 79.
uh, sure.
take care, annie.
BIP
I'm ready to go.
I would like to hear about the river ghost along the way.

I see.
so the ghost you freed was the Jeanne you asked me about.
so you regret setting her free?
setting her free? no.
there was no excuse for her to be trapped like that
krk!k
but if I knew it would lead to all this happening. I don't know.
I don't know

What do you think about it?
Would you have set her free?
Irrelevant.
For a start, I would not have been able to.
Okay, but do you think what I did was right or wrong?
Grrrr

antimony
something is happeni~
jones!

now we can talk in private.
my little antimony
hehe!

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Chapter 68:

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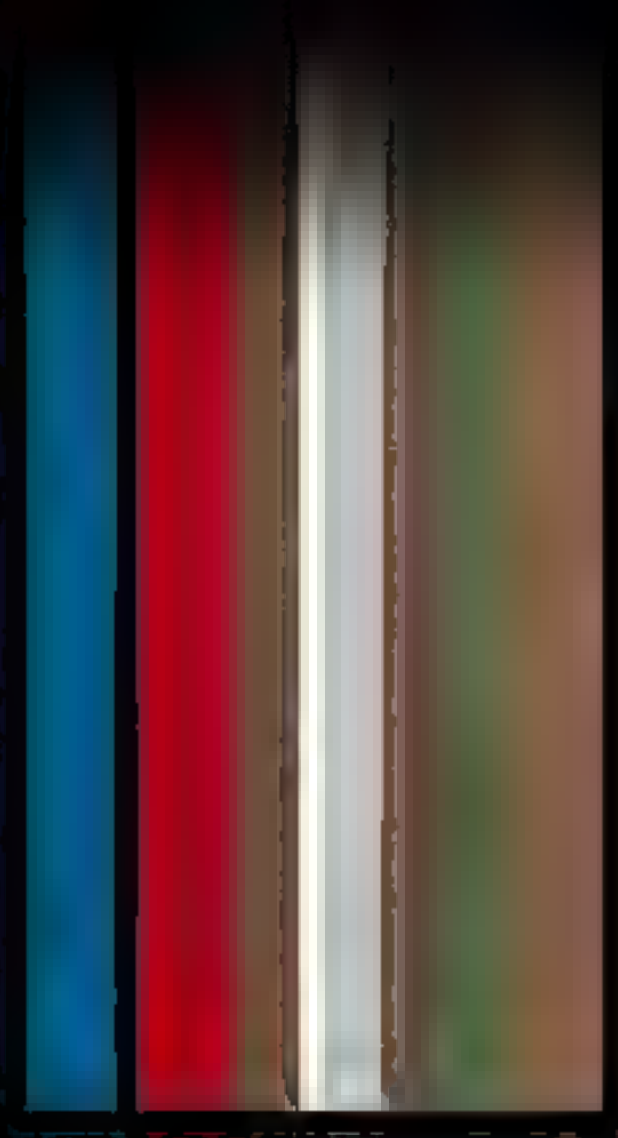


BOOM
BOOM
coyote?
hehe!
welcome,
welcome!

ysengrm?
what did you do with jones?
hehe!
don't worry about her.
I just placed her up in the sky.
in orbit, you call it?
it's not the first time!
so annoying, always listening and watching.

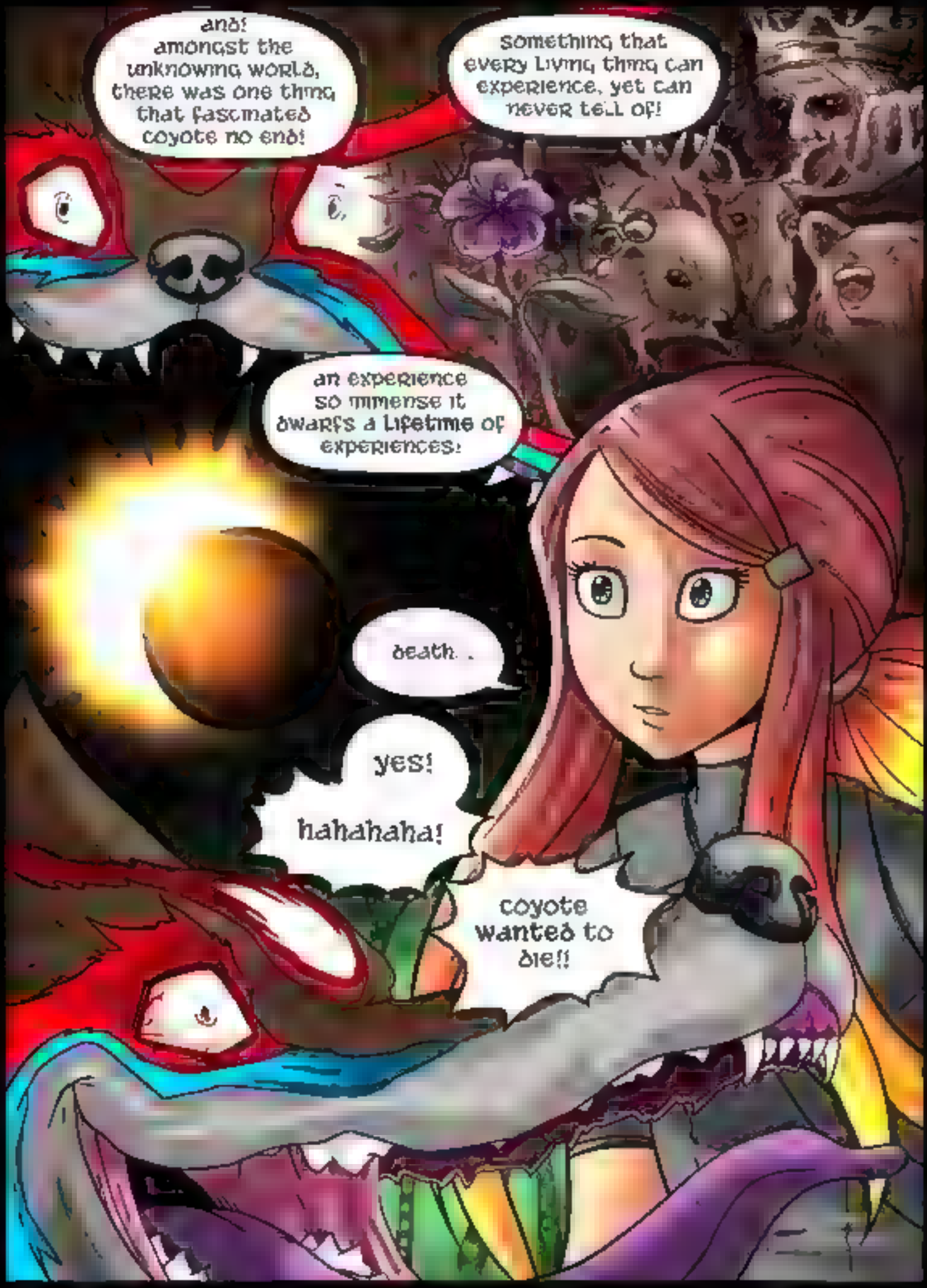
hehe!
hello!
antimony, my love!

ysengrim
no!
I am not ysengrim OR coyote!
my name
is
Loup!

ysengrin... Loup... why are you doing this?
Is coyote really... dead?
hahaha! yes! coyote and ysengrm are both dead!
dead! dead!
but I thought ysengrin loved coyote!
oh he did!
ysengrm loved coyote since they first met! he loved him and dreamed of him always!
but you... but he killed coyote!
It was only natural, a useless wolf and a powerful god, ysengrm was in awe of his power!

Ysengrin loved Coyote so much that seeing him lounging around here in the forest tore him up inside!
Ysengrin knew that Coyote should be feared across the globe, that his power should make humans drop to their knees!
WHX!
He loved him so much that he desperately wanted Coyote to rise above the humans, even if that meant killing him and taking his powers to do it!
And Coyote knew this!
You see, because Coyote had been stealing Ysengrin's thoughts for many years!
He knew full well how the love and the rage built up inside Ysengrin, how he yearned to destroy Coyote to take his power and show the world how terrifying Coyote should be!
All Ysengrin would need.. is Coyote's strength!

that makes no sense!
why would coyote give ysengrm his strength if he knew ysengrm would kill him?!
ah! it makes sense if you could think like coyote!
there is nothing out of coyote's reach!
he can take the sky and wear it like a coat!
he can see an ant and live its life, in the dark tunnels and dirt!
but to know everything is to know there is nothing new!
how boring!
so coyote often chose to remain unknowing!
the less he knew, the more he could experience and discover!
this is why he loved to hear stories about himself! he chose to hear them for the first time over and over again!
such is his power!


and amongst the unknowing world, there was one thing that fascinated coyote no end!
something that every living thing can experience, yet can never tell of!
an experience so immense it dwarfs a lifetime of experiences!
death..
yes!
hahahaha!
coyote wanted to die!!

at first he'd hoped renard would be the one to kill him.
but renard was not interested.
bah!
I can respect that
yes I can
he does as he pleases.
but then, along comes fire head girl!
how strange! how strange!
fire head girl sees value and worth in the miserable ysengrim!
ah! now th's is new!
no.
coyote found th's very interesting!
what if ysengrim had another focus in his life .
no!
don't tell me
ysengrim's kindness towards me was manipulated by coyote!

NO!
YSENGRIN'S LOVE FOR YOU IS REAL AND UNALTERED!
IF YOU EVER DOUBT THIS I WILL SHRED YOUR FLESH AND GRIND YOUR BONES!
OKAY! OKAY! I BELIEVE YOU!

coyote and ysengrin both loved you!
and so, I love you too.
therefore! I promise I will never hurt you!
you just said you'd shred my flesh ..
and now that we have established my love for you, you will live here with me!
uh .. wait a minute.
I'm not going to do anything you say.
hahaha! well! I promise to never hurt you, but I do not promise this for anyone else!

look here.
this shield has every property of the one the court used to stop my attack!
haha! a mere bubble!
I was stopped only because I did not expect it!
now, I'm not forcing you to do anything
but if you do not...

you're making demands that neither coyote nor ysengrin would make
because I am neither!
and why would you want me to live here with you?
because I love you! what other reason need there be?!
I can make you very happy here!
you can spend your days doing what you like! bring your friends if you wish!
be rid completely of your controlling father!
would you like a handsome boy to keep you company?
a woman?
something else?

you need only tell me what you want!
I want to talk to ysengrin.
what's this now?
you said ysengrin's love for me "is" real. if he is really gone you would have said "was"
I think there is still a part of him alive in you somewhere, and I want to talk to that part.
hmm
unless that request is beyond your power...
ha! fine!

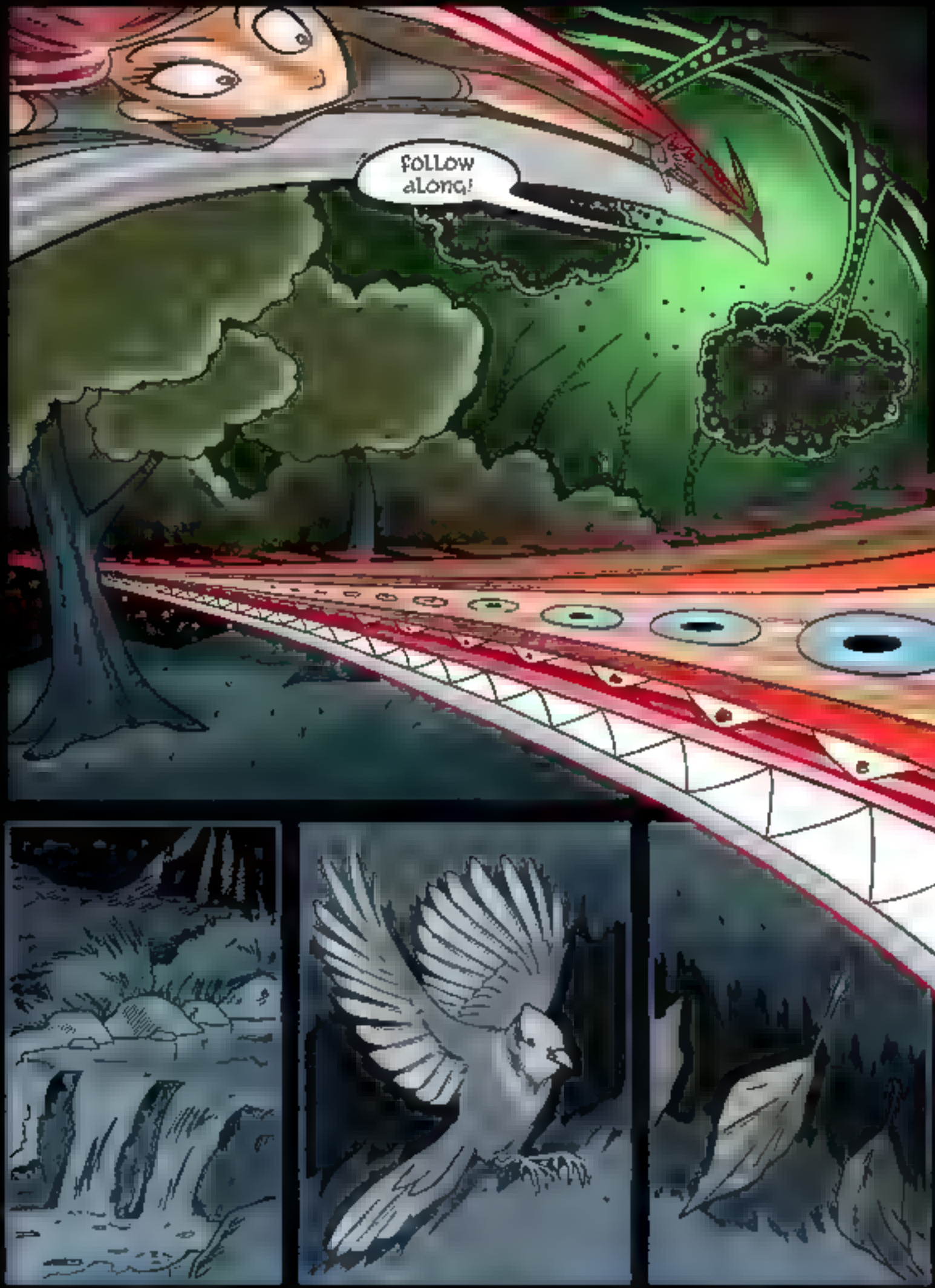
ysengrin .. is that really you?
child... yes, it is me.
why did you do it, ysengrin?
oh, because I am so stupid and useless that only coyote's power could give my life meaning!
loup!
stop interfering!
hehehe!

antimony...
I know you are disappointed...
disappointed?! you attacked the court!
I... that was not my intent ..
not originally. .
but when I took coyote's power and his knowledge I truly understood!
oh! the court is far worse than I imagined!
I cannot let it stand!
antimony! you must be careful! they mean to take you away!
far... far away!

but . beware of loup!
coyote's power was far beyond my imagining!
I made a mistake!
his strength is only the smallest fraction of his whole!
when loup took control, coyote's grip on the forest loosened...
something is missing...
SNAP
that's enough of that.
no! ysengrin!
now that was unpleasant!
I will not allow you to speak to him like that again

What did he mean? What have you done with the forest?
It's nothing to worry about! haha!
ah, ysengrm is such a fool! and his foolishness is a part of me, I'm afraid.
coyote on the other hand!
a genius!
where he walked, chaos followed!
and chaos is essential to the ether.
the forest was fading away, dying as the court encroached.
his keen decision to separate the two ensured the forest survived!
the second I took control, however, I realised coyote brought more to the forest than the chaotic ether!

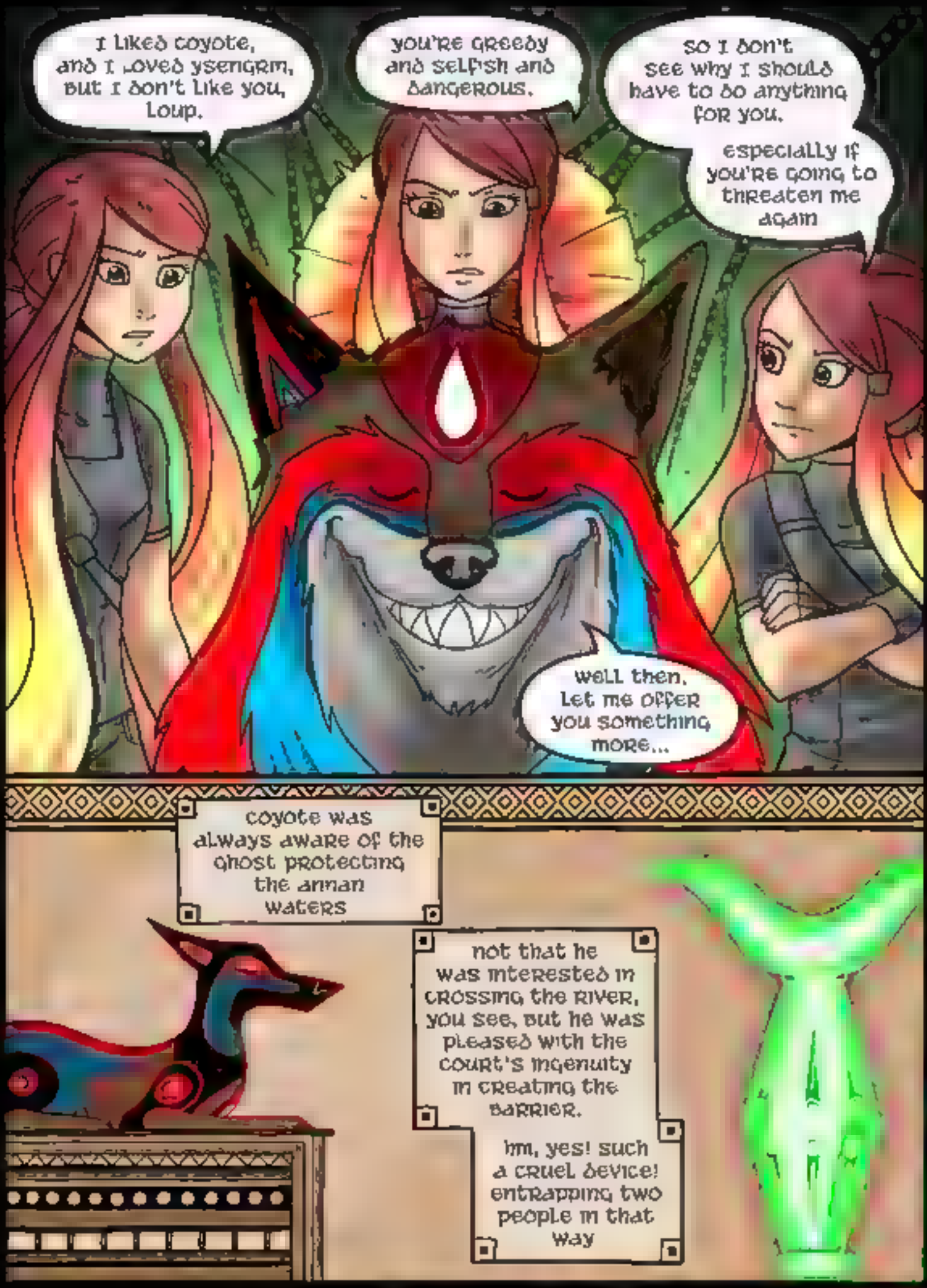
he had constructed a series of interconnected systems that held the fabric of the forest together.
a series of branches, I suppose, but chaotic in nature
these branches grow stronger when they are in disarray. quite an ingenious idea!
but ysengrin's feeble, regimented mind has made them weaker.
I'm sure if I took the barest second to think about the problem, I could fix it.
but for now I have halted activity in the forest
what . . . what do you mean?
I can show you!


follow along!

this is terrible!
you've stopped everything and everyone in their tracks just because it's convenient for you?!
but I know why my control was loosened!
well, yes! haha ha!

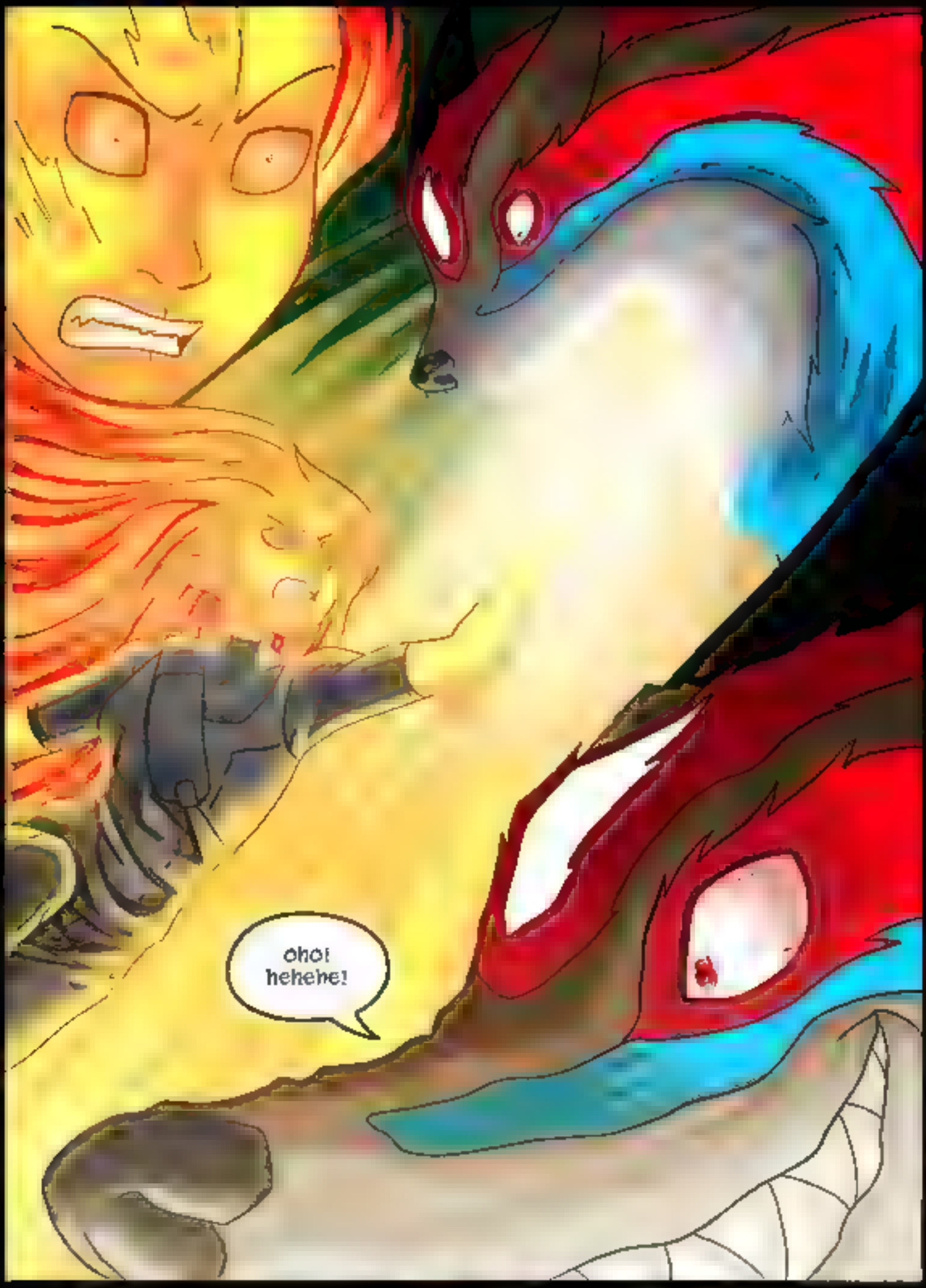
coyote gave some gifts to your friends, andrew and george
a goose bone and lake water
the goose bone is actually one of coyote s memories!
a memory of what?
well... i can't remember! hahaha!
but! i also can't remember the true nature of the lake water... so that must be what the memory conceals!
hehe, didn't i tell you he was very clever?
the water must be very important if he didn't want to remember what it was!
it may very well be the reason why i've lost control of the forest!
and so, i want them back.

ah! the power coyote gave to renard that allows him to control a creature's body!
I want that back as well.
but I am fair. I will give his old body back in return!
hey! don't mess with that!
so, I insist that you get these gifts back for me!
why should I?


I liked coyote, and I loved ysengrim, but I don't like you, loup.
you're greedy and selfish and dangerous.
so I don't see why I should have to do anything for you.
especially if you're going to threaten me again
well then. let me offer you something more...
coyote was always aware of the ghost protecting the annan waters
not that he was interested in crossing the river, you see, but he was pleased with the court's ingenuity in creating the barrier.
hm, yes! such a cruel device! entrapping two people in that way

coyote was also aware of the damage the device inflicted on the etheric world.
somehow, you found a way to remove this device, but I know you had to pay a price.
for the psychopomps, correct? your life belongs to them now
haha! they are like flies to me! I can swat them away if you like!
release you from your obligation to them!
all you need to do is what I ask.

I don't understand why you keep offering so much to me.
oh, it must be ysengrin's left over feelings for you.
haha, I suppose his foolish sentimentality lives on inside me-
stop it!
stop talking about ysengrin like that!


oho!
hehehe!

see, now this is why I want you to stay!
you are wasted in the court, locked up in that little cage!
that little cage is my home!
and does that home tolerate this side of you?

Gillitie Wood is not a mere forest. You may see trees and grass, but that is only because you have been taught to see the world in stale symbols!
I live in the ether, and so should you!
Get away from the limited human point of view!
and just because humans can't see the ether, they are worthless?
even coyote admitted that humans are part of the reason he existed at all!
DO NOT
humans affect the ether in their own way!
EXIST!

we learn about the world through our senses, even if they are limited compared to yours, loup.
humans may not be able to do what you do, but our shared knowledge lets us do amazing things!
the psychopomps, the ether, even coyote himself, they only exist because of human stories!
ah! yes! and even these are aspects of the infinite unknown reduced to symbols a human can understand.
now tell me . you hate the way I talk about ysengrin...
but what do the human stories of ysengrin say?

I'm sure you are aware of the stories of Ysengrin and Renard!
... of course I am .
my mother used to read them to me
then you know Ysengrim exists in lore only as the butt of a joke!
all his stories are about a buffoon who is always humiliated by the wily Renard!
hehe! his very essence is that of an arrogant fool!
no. he is much more than that!
because you see him in the ether, beyond what humans see.

But the stories of Ysengrin and Renard are just tools from the past used to teach values...
Oh! And what comfort is that to poor Ysengrin?
Can you imagine knowing you exist eternally as an allegory for stupidity?
No wonder Ysengrin hates the humans!
I... I don't accept that!

ysengrin ~ my ysengrin ~ is strong but gentle!
he may seem like he has a short temper, but if you took the time to know him you'd understand that he's thoughtful and reserved.
he has strong feelings too, but he keeps them to himself because they belong to him, not anybody else!
I know he has a delicate pride, and that's why he keeps himself guarded...
hehe, "delicate", "gentle", these are not words used to describe ysengrin!
because people don't know him!
but I do, and that means I have something they don't.
a love and consideration that isn't easily

you make me blush, my love!
don't think this applies to you, loup!
It's almost funny how you claim to be a combination of two creatures and yet your personality is so lacking
ah! now you wound me! hahaha!
but I truly am missing something!
remember the gifts I want returned?
look, if I try to get them back, will you stop attacking the court?
I give my word!

why attack at all? why not leave us be?
that is untrue!
the court wants nothing to do with the forest, usually
the court is working on something. whatever it is, it functions essentially the opposite to the branches coyote constructed in the ether!
but the closer I look, the less I can see what they are up to!
when I have my gifts back, I'm sure I'll know better how to deal with the court
fine!
I'm ready to go back now

If you are thinking of stalling for time when you get back to the court, know that I do not like to be kept waiting!
Ysengrim was never fond of being cryptic. I hope you'd retain that part of him.
Well then! Let me be clear!
the seeds Ysengrin dropped when you first met, there were three of them!
one was destroyed, dissected by the court.
the second, you see growing tall.
but the third, it grows under the court!
a vast network that allows my armies to enter the court at will!
you said you'd stop your attack!
certainly, I will await your return! but there are forest creatures who are hungry for destruction!

huh?
how long have we been talking?
oh, several months have passed, haha!
a side effect of the problems in the forest
Loup! why didn't you say?!
I told the court I'd only be gone a short while!
ah yes! about that...
do you remember those noises in the sky? when you first entered the forest?
those booming noises? yes..
that was the court searching for you... so I had to play a little trick!
for our privacy!
I do hope you will forgive me! hehe...

and what about Jones?!
oops! I suppose she's been up in the sky all this time!
look up there.
hahaha! don't worry, she'll be fine, she'll be fine!

now then! Let me make your passage easier.
since we will be working closely from now on!
SNAP
SNAP
SLAM

you know, there is something else that both coyote and ysengrim has that you do not, Loup.
tell me, my love.
Limits.

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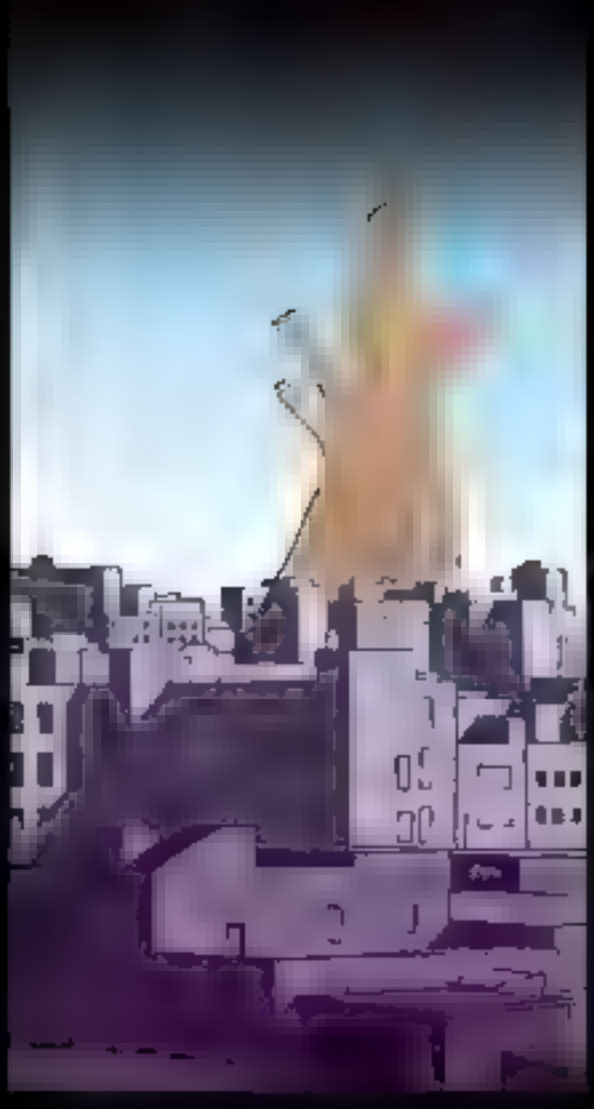
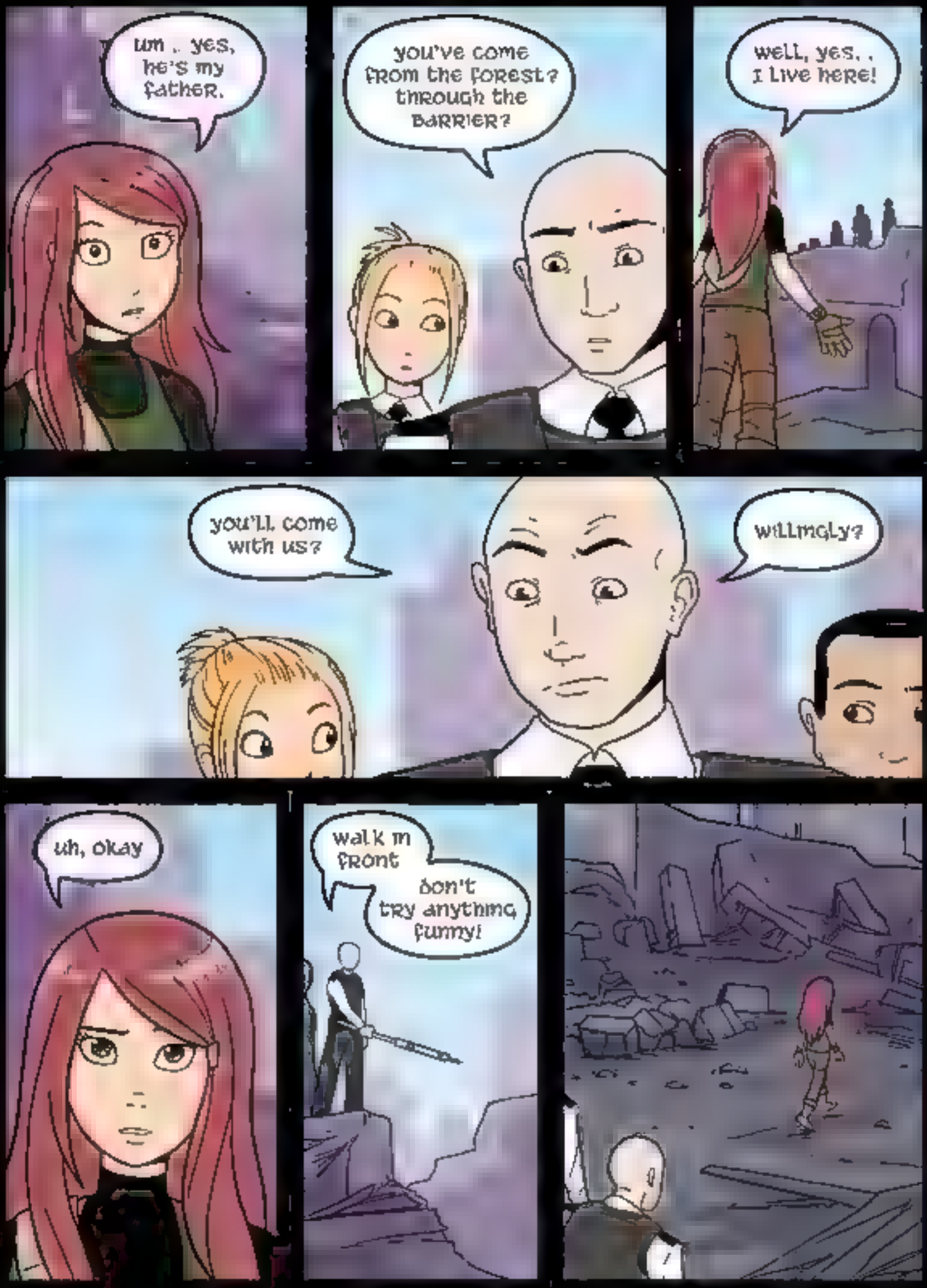
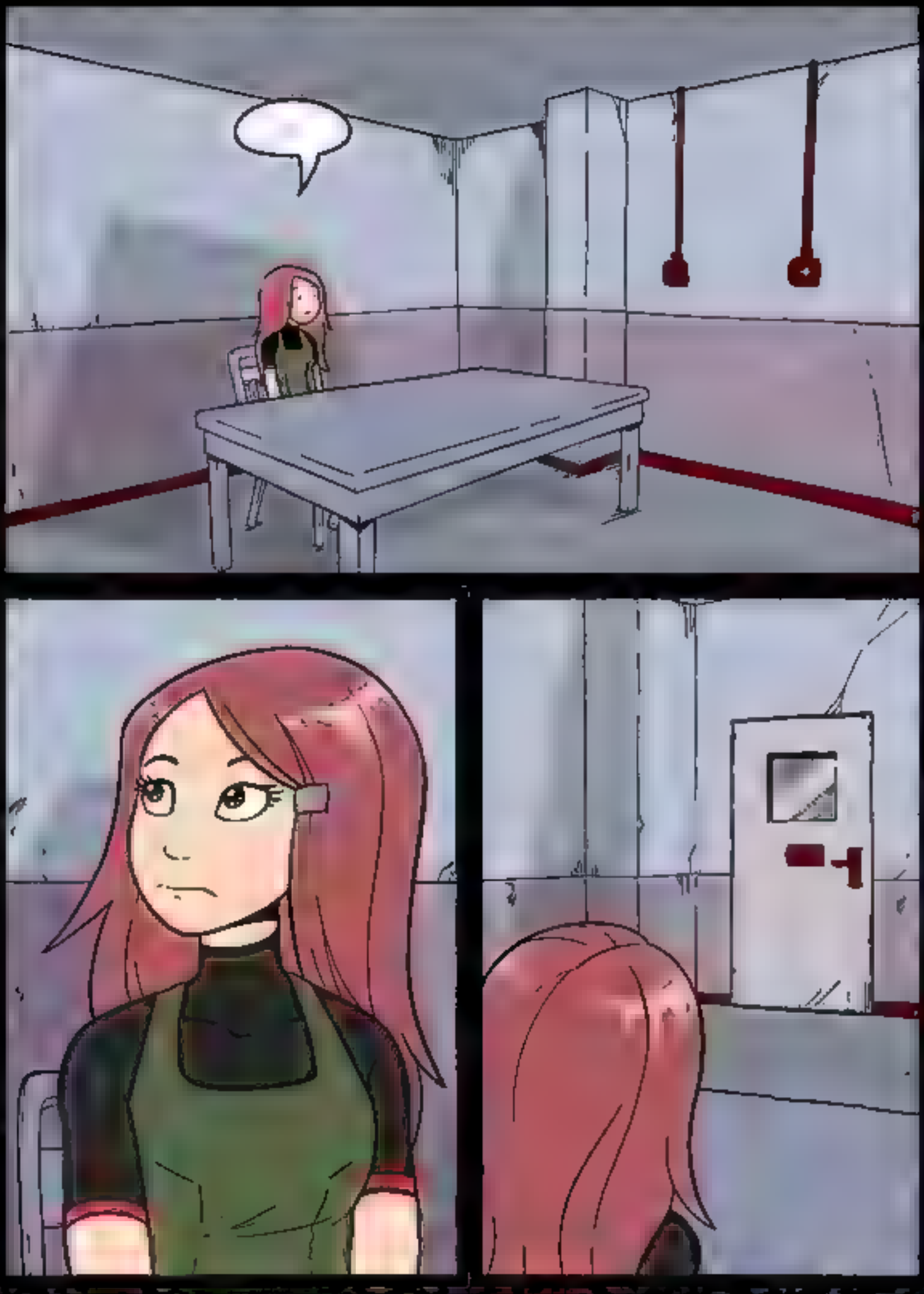
Chapter 69:

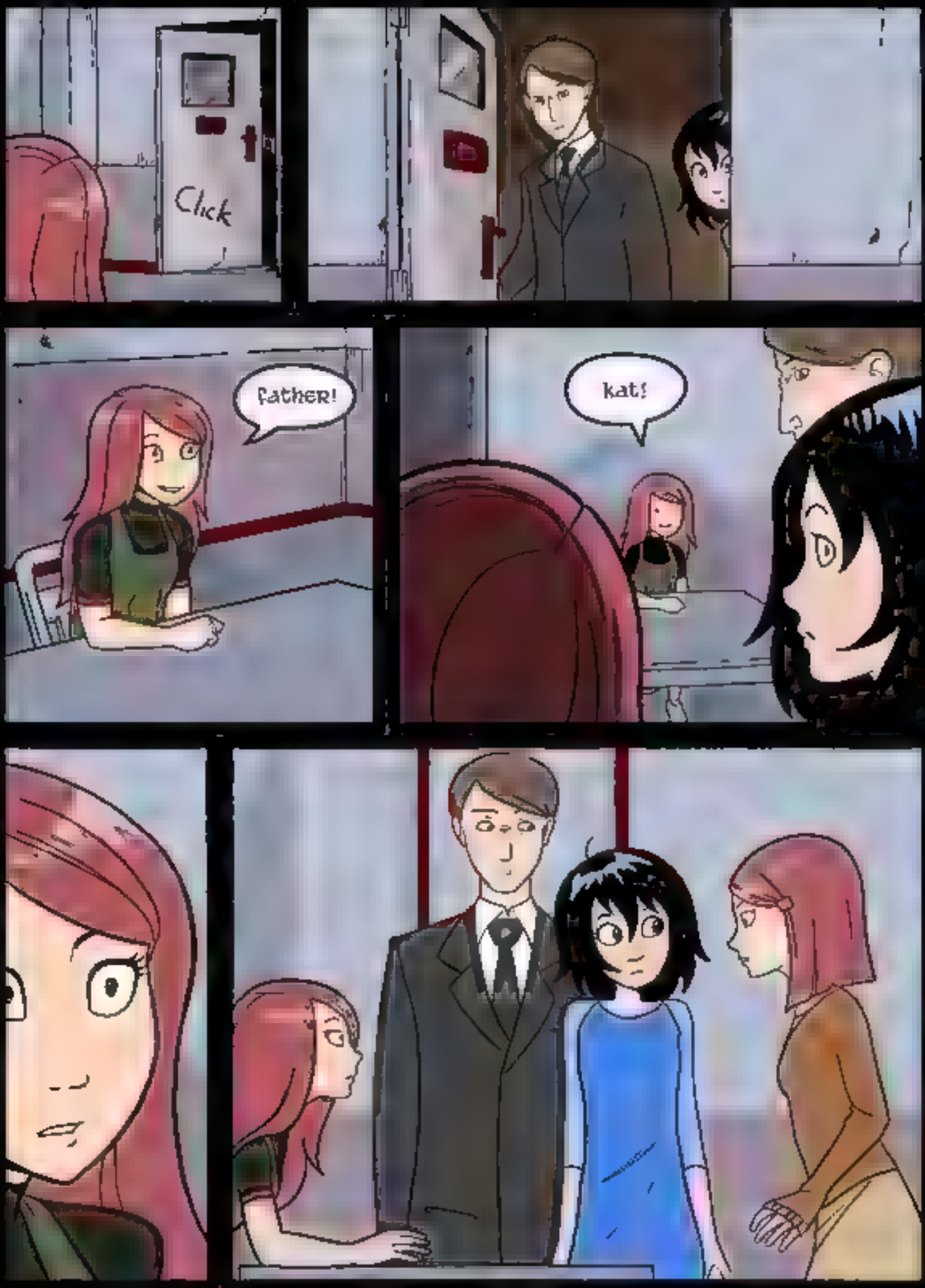
Loup's Trick



halt!
identify yourself!
I... I'm antimony carver! I know I've been away a long time
carver?
are you related to anthony carver?

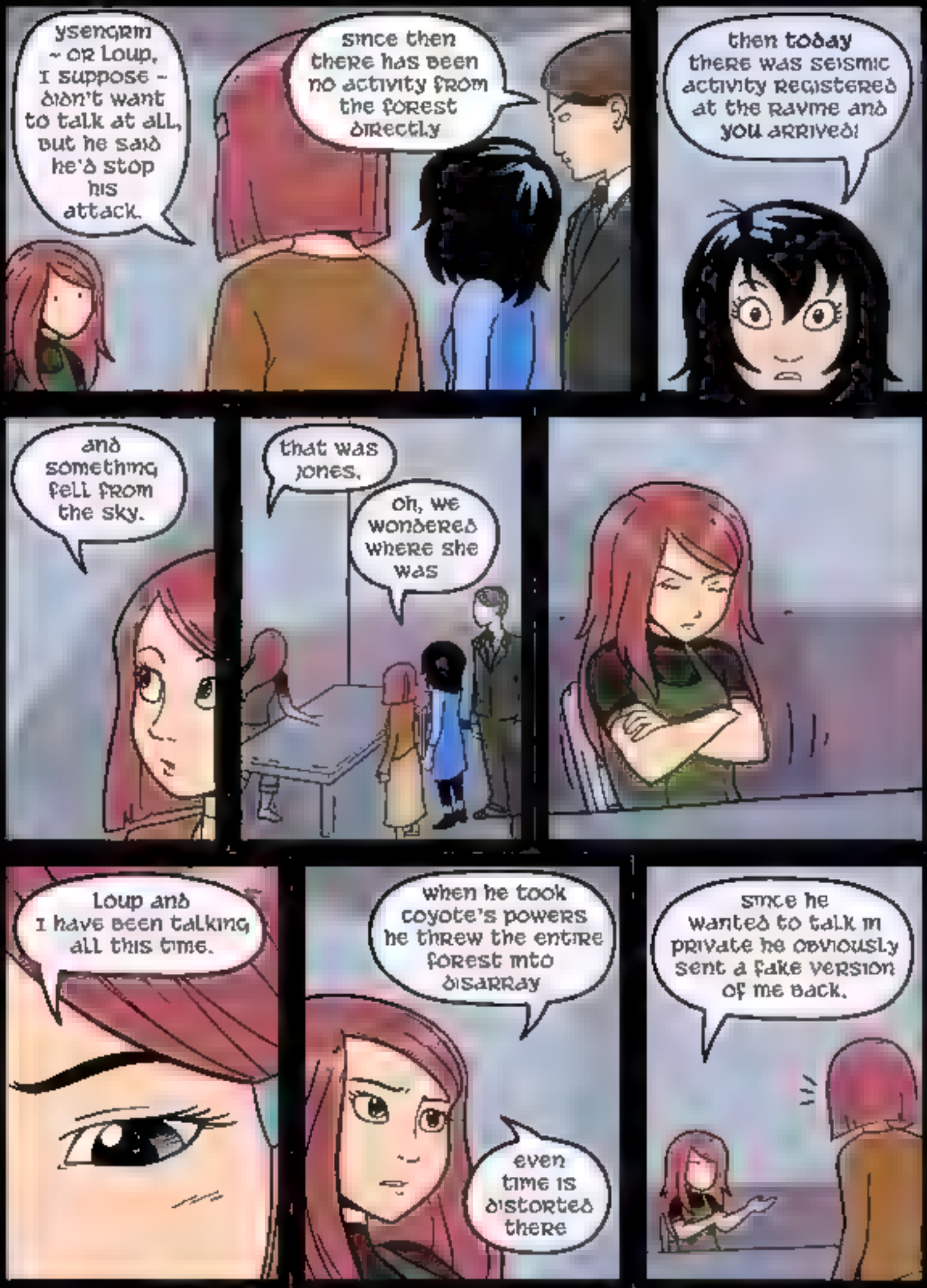

um . . yes, he's my father.
you've come from the forest? through the barrier?
well, yes. . I live here!
you'll come with us?
willingly?
uh, okay
walk in front
don't try anything funny!




Click
father!
kat!

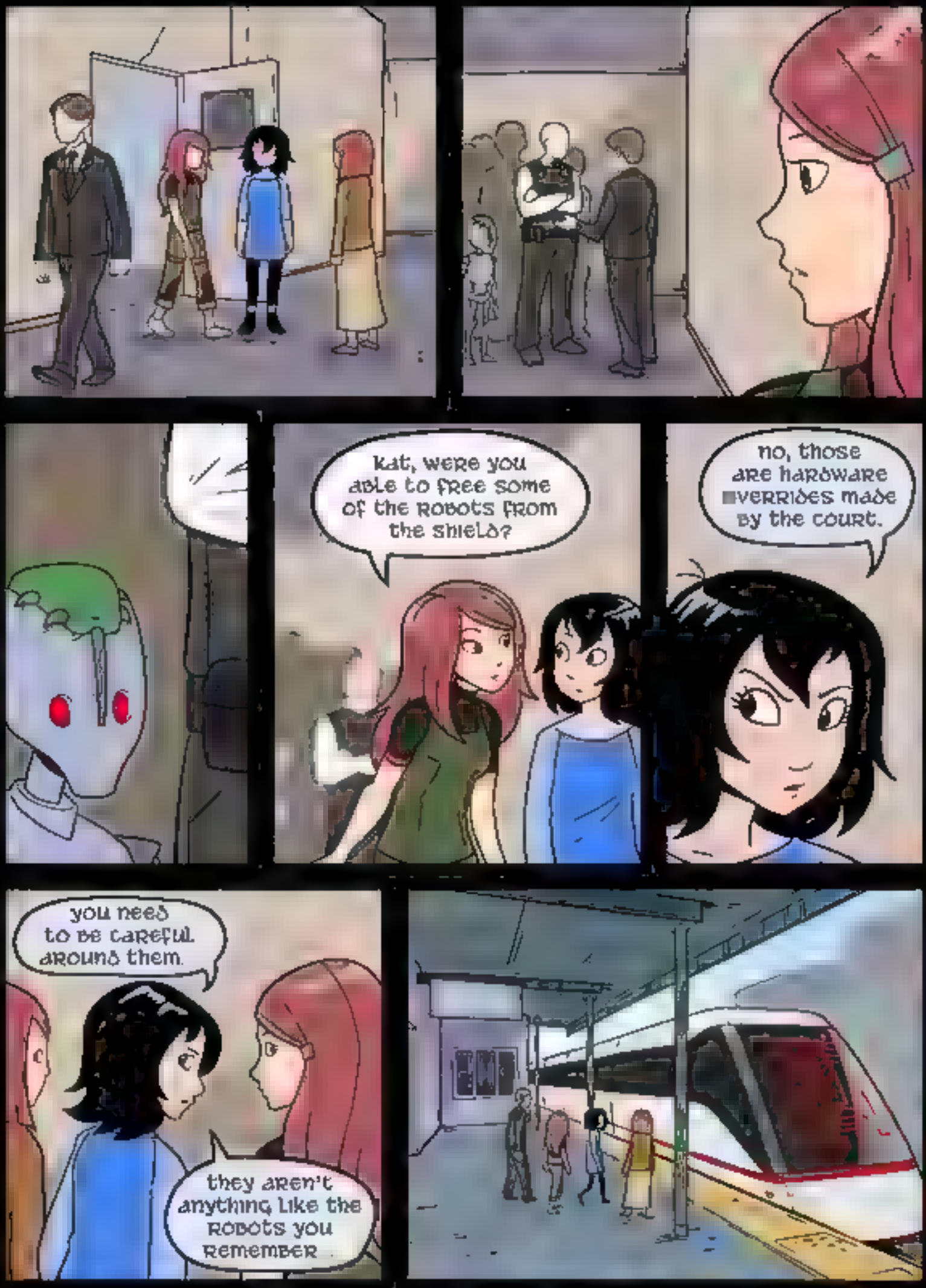
CLATTER
She... seems to be real...

Of course I'm real! Could [redacted] tell me what's..
Oh Loup did this.
Loo?
the creature in the forest his name is Loup.
didn't you talk to him?
only briefly
when annie went into the forest she was there over night.
so we tried sending drones over to look for her.
the explosions in the sky
yes. Immediately after that, ysengrin appeared and insisted I leave.
this was six months ago.


Ysengrm ~ or Loup, I suppose ~ didn't want to talk at all, but he said he'd stop his attack.
since then there has been no activity from the forest directly
then today there was seismic activity registered at the ravine and you arrived!
and something fell from the sky.
that was jones.
oh, we wondered where she was
Loup and I have been talking all this time.
when he took coyote's powers he threw the entire forest into disarray
even time is distorted there
since he wanted to talk in private he obviously sent a fake version of me back.

fake?!
I assure you I'm very much real!
you could be the fake one!
I stopped the attack on the court and now that you're here, things are happening
[illegible]
I stopped the attack!
BAM
I think we should listen to what she has to say.

the ravine is gone?!
what about the river annan?
it's just not there anymore.
loup closed it.
we should tell parley and eglamore about the underground tree thing
since you've been gone the court put together teams to investigate creature sightings inside the barrier
those were the people who brought you here.
it feels like i've only been away for a few hours, but so much has changed!
what else have i missed?
let's get out of here and we can show you.


Kat, were you able to free some of the robots from the shield?
no, those are hardware overrides made by the court.
you need to be careful around them.
they aren't anything like the robots you remember

father, your hand!
I didn't even notice. .
ah, yes. katerina's work proved to be most successful.
heh, well!
we're still monitoring for tissue rejection, but it seems to work okay!
that's an understatement she has made quite the name for herself.
the court itself has taken an interest in the medical applications of her research
I helped with the surgery to attach it!
and very well done it was.

SCREEEE
aw man
I can see several roots from here. not too many though
dang, and we were almost out of the yellow zone.
CREAK
what's going -
CRASH

SCRAPE
SCRATCH
annie?
ZAAA
no problem.

Poof
shadow men?
Blip

FZZAP
Okay, I can restart the tram.
Blip
things really have changed...

so it's true. . I heard the report
why are you just letting her walk around?
there is no evidence to suggest she is not who she claims to be.
~!!!
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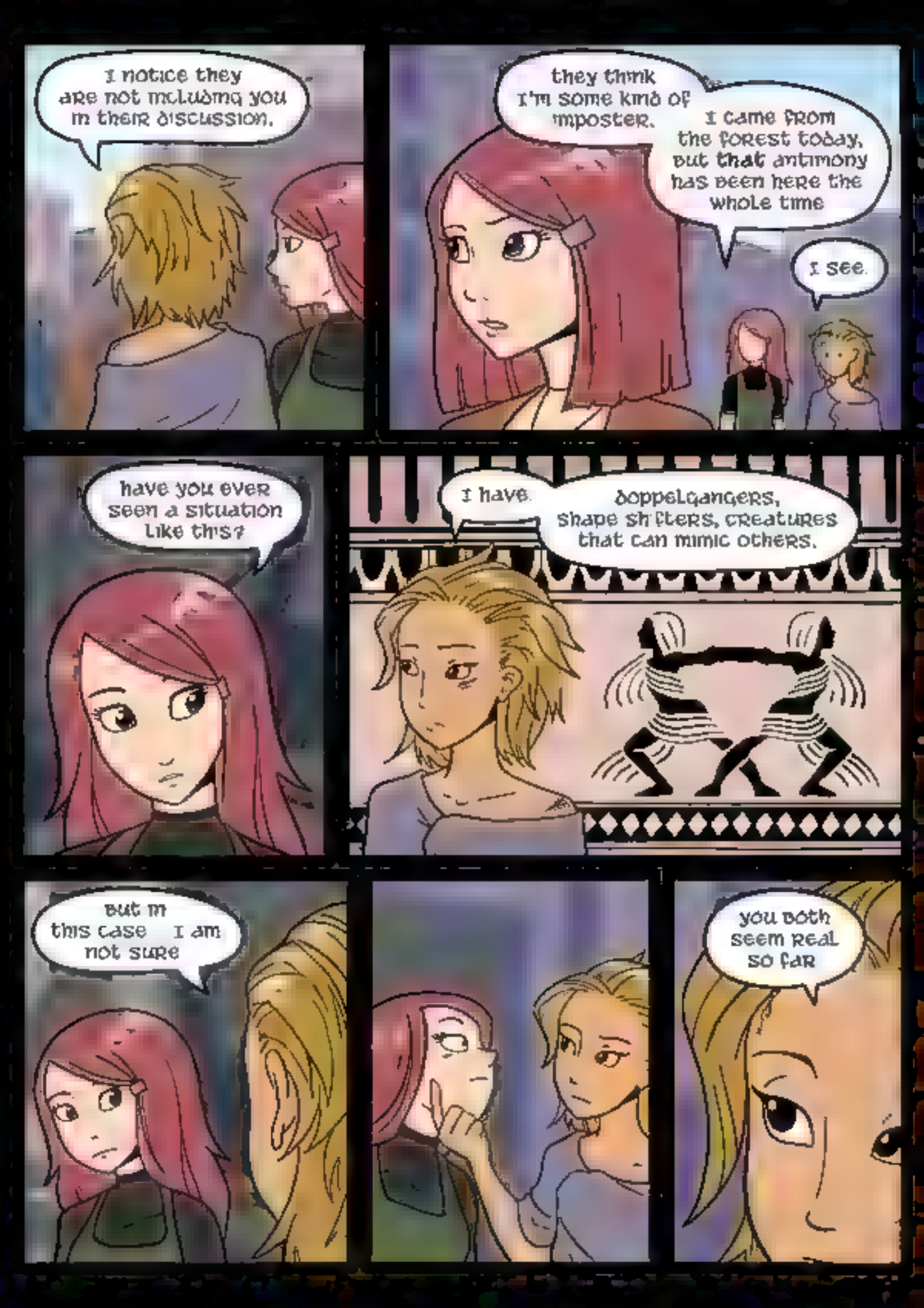
are you okay, jones?
were you really up in space?
yes it is a view I do not get to enjoy very often.


I notice they are not including you in their discussion.
they think I'm some kind of imposter.
I came from the forest today, but that antimony has been here the whole time
I see.
have you ever seen a situation like this?
I have. doppelgangers, shape shifters, creatures that can mimic others.
but in this case I am not sure
you both seem real so far

I see. So Loup wants these gifts returned to him?
that's right
and he sent you to get them for him.
..
we can't just give him what he wants.
But Loup won't attack for now?
coyote or ysengrin wouldn't lie to me . but I don't know how much I trust Loup
well... parley's away on a mission right now, but we can see andrew about this goose bone.

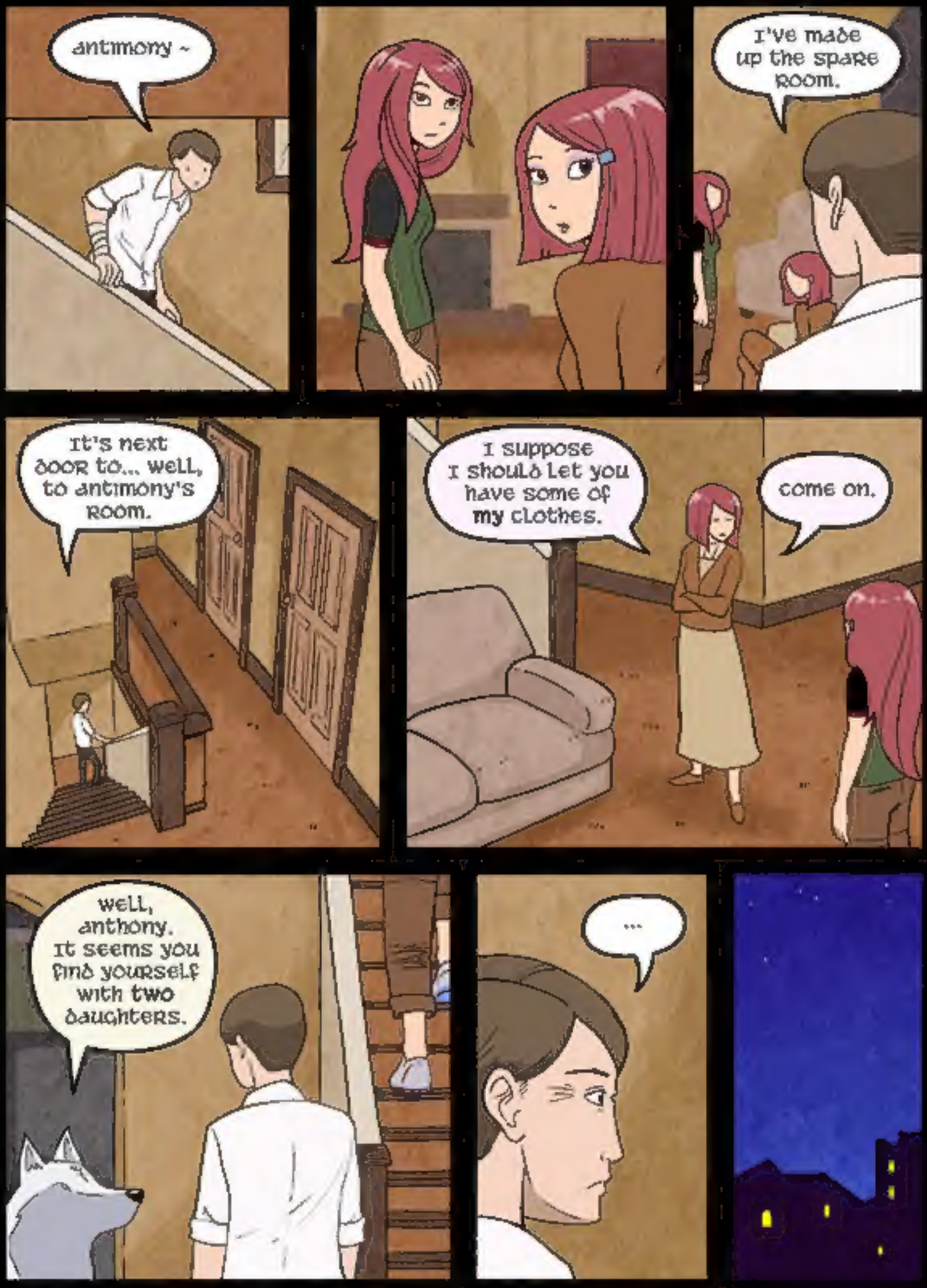
we thought we figured out the root system of the trees that grew.
but if there is a whole different system of branches under the court...
the shield is basically useless now!
and the red and yellow zones have been growing recently
are you okay?
I just can't believe ysengrin is gone
...

smitty's at central ahmm, so we'll go see him there.
and get you some clothes, jones.
very well.
uh..
why don't you take . her home, carver

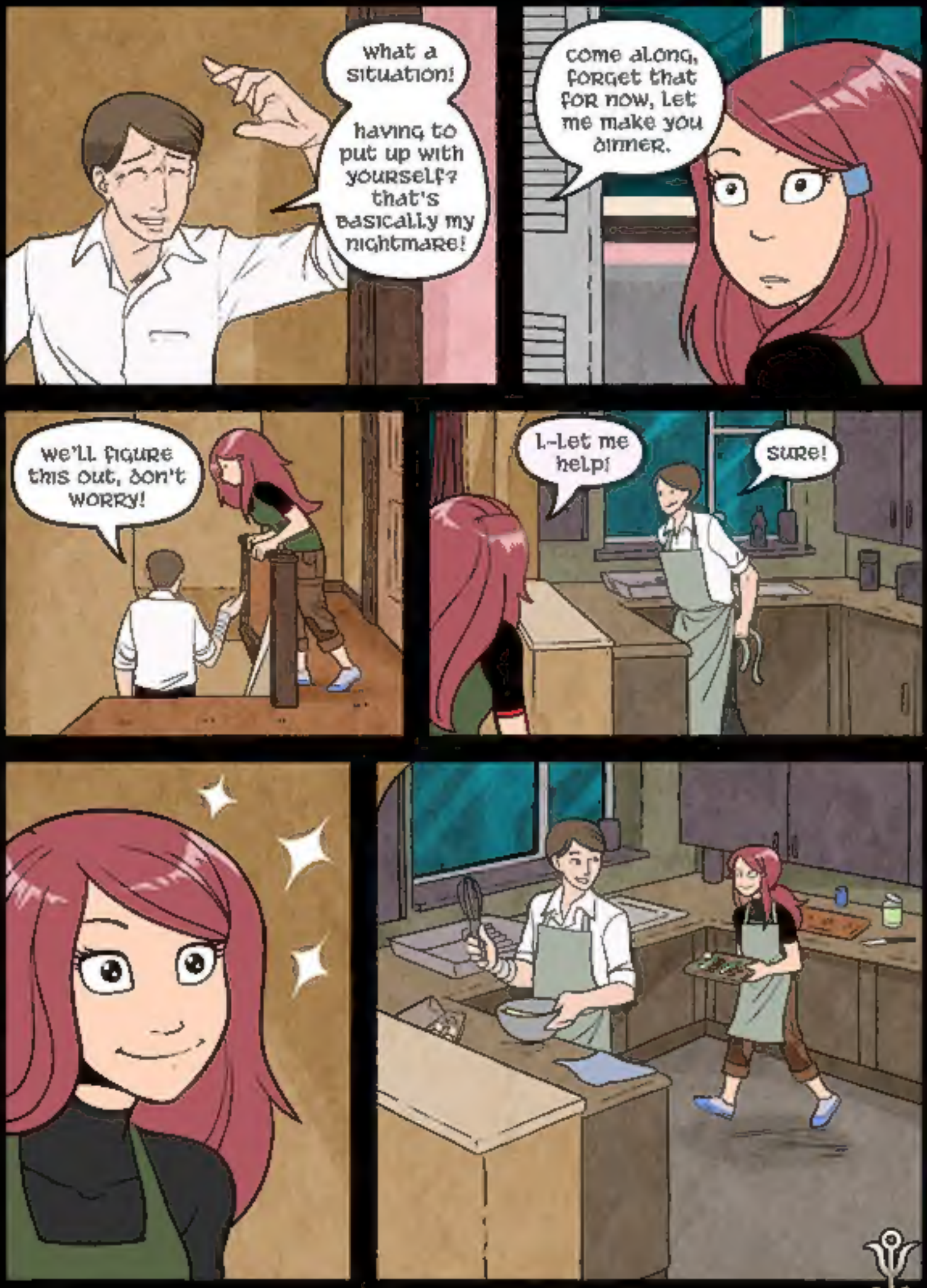
this is where you all live now?!
It's pretty cute, huh!
since everyone pushed back to the coast there are a bunch of settlements like these.
my mom and dad are just down there.
and my place isn't far!
I live with my father.

um... there are plenty of spare houses
I have a spare room if you would prefer to stay with us, antimony
I - I would.
thank you
oh!

After once more explaining the situation


antimony ~
I've made up the spare room.
It's next door to... well, to antimony's room.
I suppose I should let you have some of my clothes.
come on.
well, anthony. It seems you find yourself with two daughters.
...

but that's my favourite jumper!
no, it's my favourite jumper!
you can have this one.
but I don't wear that one anymore!
huff!
fine! I've had enough. I'm going to kat's house.
renard, you're coming, of course?
oh... of course...
SLAM
hahaha!


what a situation!
having to put up with yourself? that's basically my nightmare!
come along, forget that for now, let me make you dinner.
we'll figure this out, don't worry!
l-let me help!
sure!